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Portland 1, Oregon,
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Hon. Wm. C. Strand,
207 N. Columbus,
Alexandria, Virginia.

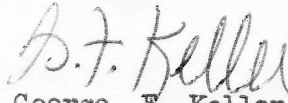
Dear Mr. Strand:

It seems like every time I have a thought lately something else comes to mind which I think and feel should be conveyed to you. I have tried to keep it more or less as I have considered it to be important. Anything of a lesser category would be myriad and could become endless. I believe that since Dr. Haskins appears to have introjected himself, or more than likely is being drawn into the current picture, you should have a little background on him. My relations with him have always been friendly, but I never trusted him. I believe I told you that it has been told that he and Dr. Tallman are friends of long standing and that he is supposed to have briefed Tallman before he came here. Haskins was here ten years. I have been told that during those ten years he averaged about two hours a day on the job. The rest of the time he is supposed to have been busy off the grounds. He was here throughout the war. There were only two privately practising psychiatrists left in Portland during the war. One was an over age man and the other was a 4F. This gave our friend his big opportunity. He did not have and could not acquire an Oregon license, but he practiced all over the state without one and either by arrangement or otherwise got by with it. I or anyone else probably would have been arrested. He took care of everything the other two either did not have time for or did not want. This consisted of private patients, work for state, county, city and private agencies and institutions, medico-legal work, teaching nursing psychiatry in several hospital training schools, speaking and lecturing here and there, and a long list of other activities. He even did the psychiatric screening at the induction center and had it arranged for his check to be made out to another doctor. He taught "psychology" at one of the local college night schools. I could list other things and then probably not catch them all. He must have made several thousand dollars on the side every month. I knew he was doing all this first hand and have been told so by others. I was with the VA here during most of that time, trying alone, to do all the neuropsychiatric work in the area for it. Now the VA has at least six neuropsychiatrists, several neurologists and neuro-surgeons, and a flock of psychologists and psychiatric social workers doing the work I was compelled to try to do by myself during that time. Do you see why I got fed up enough to do what I did? Besides that it had been misrepresented to me and I did not know what I was getting into until it was too late. I have been told that he used to get holiday turkeys, a hundred dollar bill for Christmas, other presents and favors, that he probably was loaned money, probably even had other arrangements, and the like. This job was no longer any good for him after the war when the other men started to come back. There was too much competition after that. Now there are about twenty-five psychiatrists in the city, plus about ten or more neurologists and neuro-surgeons all competing for that work. Even psychologists, social workers, etc., are trying to muscle in on it. He also had a reputation for being slow in paying bills and returning things he borrowed. Generally considered he was and is quite an opportunist, promoter, politician, and the like. He is also quite egotistical. He apparently thinks and feels or is being made to believe that he is being reflected on or being exposed and that he should join in their mutual defense. He was there during the two years that Thompson was extern or "night Doctor" there, which being on ASTP Thompson was not supposed to have been, so they made Thompson's check out to his wife. Thompson, by the way, was at the meeting the two full days Friday and Saturday. I stopped by the

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"hospital" this afternoon and found Wayne there talking to the dictaphone. I have been told that Dr. Tallman was chosen to inspect Morningside, because he is a friend of Dr. Parran's and because he has no Federal Government connections. I have also been told that on all or most jobs which he ever held like with the states of New York, Michigan, Ohio and California, when he left them it was under peculiar circumstances or under pressure. He was mental health director for California when Knight became governor and promptly went out. He was then given a sort of a retirement job teaching psychiatry at UCIA. I have also been told that he is very prejudiced against "bureaucrats". Dr. Schumacher's home address is 400 Kentucky Avenue, Berkeley, California. So much for now.

Sincerely yours,



George F. Keller, M. D.