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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
The Medical School
Minneapolis 14
July 28, 1949

Department of Anatomy

Dean Harold S. Diehl
127 Medical Sciences
University of Minnesota

Dear Doctor Diehl:

Following our conference this morning with Mr. Carl Jackson, Director of Public Institutions, in which we presented the desperate situation of the Medical School in respect to the procurement of cadavers – a minimum of 10 being needed by September 1, for the incoming medical class, and a steady flow thereafter, for the yearly instruction of over 2000 students – I am suggesting that we ask Mr. Jackson to inaugurate the following plan in the state hospitals under his jurisdiction:

In the event that preliminary inquiry does not immediately locate the relatives of the deceased, the superintendent of the hospital should notify us and then deliver the body to a local funeral director for immediate conveyance to the Department of Anatomy of the University (Mr. Donovan Lawrence, Anatomical Embalmer, Room 6 E.A., Main 8177, Ext. 504; or Main 2049). In turn we agree to embalm the body immediately and to hold it for a period of at least one month, during which time ample opportunity should be provided for securing the consent of “all known relatives”. Should such relatives claim the body during this period it will be released to them without cost. In addition we will pay the funeral directors within a radius of 50 miles a fee of \$50.00 for transporting the body. For greater distances a fee of \$75.00.

This plan will save the institutions the cost and necessity of having bodies embalmed and would make it possible for the University to maintain the present size of its classes and quality of instruction.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Boyden
Chairman, State Anatomical Committee

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Dean of the Medical Sciences

Mr. Carl Jackson
Director of State Institutions
Division of Public Institutions
Globe Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am enclosing a letter which Dr. Boyden wrote subsequent to our conference this morning.

Standard practice in Medical Schools is to have two medical students dissect a cadaver. For the past several years we have been compelled to assign four students to each body. Even at this rate, we have enough cadavers for only 92 medical students, with none for dental students, surgical fellows or other groups of students studying anatomy.

To help meet this serious situation, I sincerely hope that the superintendents of the State Institutions will make the unclaimed bodies of persons who die in their hospitals, available to us. With their interested and active cooperation, I am sure that this critical need of the Medical School can be met.

It would be tragic if we should be compelled to reduce the number of medical students at a time that our state institutions need more physicians.

With sincere appreciation of your interest and cooperation,

Cordially,

H. S. Diehl

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CARL J. JACKSON
DIRECTOR

State of Minnesota
Department of Social Security
Division of Public Institutions
Globe Building - 4th and Cedar
St. Paul 1

August 1, 1949

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Doctor E. J. Engberg, Superintendent
Minnesota School and Colony
Faribault, Minnesota

Dear Doctor Engberg:

I am enclosing copy of a letter received from Doctor
H. S. Diehl, Dean of the Medical School, and Doctor D. A. Boyden,
Chairman, State Anatomical Committee, University of Minnesota.
The two letters are self-explanatory. Doctor Diehl has spoken
about this to me personally.

It is a difficult situation for them and in the interest
of our advancement of medicine which also affects our institutions, I wish we could
cooperate with them. There are problems that confront us in regard
to this procedure and I am aware of those difficulties. However,
if we have instances where we are practically assured that no
complaints will arise, I wish we might give the University this
help.

Sincerely,

Director



August 3, 1949

Mr. Carl J. Jackson, Director
Division of Public Institutions
410 Globe Bldg. – Fourth and Cedar
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 1st, with the enclosure of a copy of a letter to you from Dr. H. S. Diehl, Dean of the Medical School, dated July 23, 1949, and one to Dr. Diehl from Dr. E. A. Boyden, Chairman State Anatomical Committee.

We believe that we should cooperate in solving the problem that confronts the Medical School in securing cadavers for dissection, and shall be glad to do so providing the practical and legal responsibilities are met. It is my understanding that an effort will be made to do this, and I shall be glad to participate in any conferences that are held for that purpose.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent

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CARL J. JACKSON
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August 23, 1949

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Bear Doctors:

Doctor Boyden of the University Medical School called me again this morning and is very concerned because the University does not have a sufficient number of bodies for their anatomical work at the University.

As you recall, we sent out a request about three weeks ago and to date they have only received one body there and they are in need of ten.

I urge that if there are bodies that will be available for this service that you contact Doctor Boyden as I believe it is imperative that we give them this assistance.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carl J. Jackson
Director

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