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Dear John:

Tonight at my request Dr. Smith, Glen Booth, Dick Steen and Dr. Hotson met with us at our house. I called this unofficial and informal meeting to go over your letter of 11 June 1972 point by point. The general reaction was quite favorable and optimistic.

The relationship between the KHF and the MQH staff as outlined in the by laws is restricted to KHF's role as a fund raising and financial accounting service to MQH. Officially we have no responsibility for decisions regarding staff, movement of hospital, purchase of supplies, etc. Nevertheless the members of the board are eager to render any additional service that we can. Being consulted about policy decisions serves to stimulate a feeling of participation which hopefully will result in more enthusiasm in our fund raising role.

We were all in agreement about the worthiness of your suggestions about future training and development of ancillary services. These of course are subject to the changing political and military situation. Dr. Smith presently plans to leave for VN by the end of the month. Many of these decisions obviously must needs be made by you people on site and in the light of your judgment of the prevailing and anticipated situation. Our major conclusion here was that your aspirations are much in line with our previous hopes and plans and the people here tonight felt that despite the difficulties of the present we will continue to work toward these goals as long as you in the field are able to continue your efforts.

We are aware of the tremendous demands upon your physical and mental resources. While official KHF Board action will be necessary I believe I can assure you that should the hiring of additional help in VN seem desirable to you that KHF will underwrite it to the limit of our resources.

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I don't know if I have communicated to you my feeling of optimism after this meeting. Dr. Hotson, Glen Booth and Dick Steen are good thinkers, and listening to them tonight reinforced my own feeling of the worthiness of this effort. Know then that though we are secure, comfortable and many miles away our thoughts and hopes are with you.

Sincerely,

*Louis E. Braile*

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