

What Mr. Clark will do as that is made available to us, is to submit that to you and at a later date, as early as possible, we would like to ask you gentlemen to come back and be prepared at that time, in addition to comments you have made in your statement now regarding certain amendments which you have suggested to the present proposed legislation, to comment on this proposal which we will submit to you.

Do you follow me?

Mr. MOYER. Yes.

Mr. SISK. With that, then, the committee stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:00 noon, the committee adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.)

(Subsequently, the following letter to Chairman McMillan, together with other documents, were submitted for the record:)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY,
May 31, 1968.

The Honorable JOHN L. McMILLAN,
U.S. Post Office,
Florence, South Carolina

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: This is pursuant to our recent telephone conversation. As I discussed with you, I have become interested in the current legislation before the District of Columbia Committee concerning the licensure of psychologists. In my opinion, the licensure of psychologists is a very desirable thing. One of the problems with this profession in the past has been the fact that without licensure the door is open to any individual who calls himself a clinical psychologist and who can practice without adequate training and ability. These people frequently exploit the public and often do a great deal of harm. Appropriate licensure legislation will surely help correct many of these atrocious practices. I do not believe that the current legislation under study by the Committee will constitute sufficient control to eliminate this kind of practice by charlatans. I have discussed this with my good friend, Dr. Richard Steinbach, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Georgetown University. I believe that the District of Columbia would be greatly served by your having the chance to talk with Dr. Steinbach and other representatives of the Washington Psychiatric Society.

The vast scope of mental health problems in our own state as well as in our nation's capital is beginning to receive appropriate attention from our government. While I am greatly heartened by this enthusiasm and support I also feel that we must be cautious in studying these newer approaches to treatment.

I would like to wish you the best of luck in your forthcoming election. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. LAYTON McCURDY, M.D.,
Professor and Chairman.

FLORENCE, S.C.,
May 24, 1968.

Representative JOHN McMILLAN,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D.C.:

Strongly recommend amendments to H.R. 10407. Psychologist should not be allowed to form cooperation. Also, they definitely need consultation and/or supervision by psychiatrist.

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