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Faris S. Monsour, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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Dear Doctor Monsour:

I appreciate the opportunity of presenting to the Hospitals and Extended Care Facilities Committee the problems faced by the evolving Duval Medical Center. I feel it is urgent for there to be a meeting of minds concerning its future direction. The members of the Planning and Development Committee of the Duval Medical Center would appreciate very much an expression from the members of your committee which might aid them in determining its direction.

I would appreciate the members of your committee coming to this meeting prepared to discuss the following:

1. How would you envision the future of DMC? Should this be strictly an indigent hospital, half indigent and half private, all private or otherwise?
2. Would you favor the city government leasing DMC to a private non-profit board such as St. Luke's, Methodist, Sisters of Charity or Baptist Memorial Hospital to be operated as a private hospital? The indigent patient would by necessity still be financed in some manner by the city government.
3. Would you favor the indigent patient being treated in all local hospitals?
4. How do you envision the image of DMC might best be changed?
5. What relationship should DMC have with other hospitals in our community?

6. What relationship should the full-time departmental heads at DMC have with the teaching programs at other hospitals?
7. How would you feel about individual hospitals being assigned specific facets of medicine such as cardiovascular surgery, neurosurgery or treatment of burn cases?
8. How would you feel about the cooperative effort of all local hospitals in developing a nursing school?

I would appreciate your preparing a written summary of the thoughts expressed at this meeting to be presented to the Planning and Development Committee of the Duval Medical Center

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

G. Dekle Taylor, M. D.
President
Medical and Dental Staff

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