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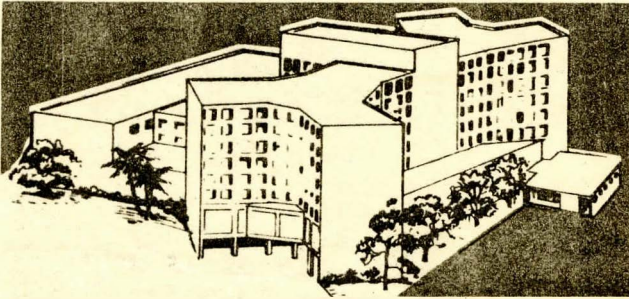
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August 6, 1973

Judge Tyrie A. Boyer, Chairman
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Dear Judge Boyer:

As you know, it has been implied before the public that the Duval County Hospital Authority has taken a position contrary to that of its medical staff. The majority of the fulltime medical staff of the University Hospital has been able to work in harmony with the Hospital Authority and its administration and we want you to know that you have our continued support and confidence.

We understand that for this institution to reach its stated goals in education and medical care, it is essential that its fulltime medical staff work together toward this end. All of us have been acutely aware that the Department of Medicine has been proceeding with the development of programs to which we have raised formal objections many times. Many of these proposals threaten to compromise the Authority's ability to increase the revenue of this hospital and to provide special services necessary to the medical care of the poor.

Our experience with the Hospital Authority makes it difficult to believe that this group of dedicated men would act out of personal prejudice or carry out important decisions without first carefully considering all facts. We understand that the Hospital Authority was placed in the difficult position of having to resolve a problem which the medical staff of the hospital had been unable to effectively solve.

We want to again assure you that we, the majority of the fulltime medical staff, stand solidly behind the Duval County Hospital Authority and agree with its overall stated goals.

Judge Tyrie A. Boyer
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