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DATE: ~~June 23, 1994~~

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The White House

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June 22, 1994

Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Carol,

Thank you for your assistance in the upcoming trip for the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars from the University of North Carolina. Ms. Lynn Margherio of the Domestic Policy Council has been very gracious and has offered us some of her time on Tuesday morning, June 28th.

I have enclosed the itinerary for our two day trip and as you will see, our group of physicians will have an unequalled opportunity to gain insight into the various aspects of policy reform and implementation.

Once again, thank you for your time and consideration. If you have a free moment Tuesday morning, I would like to personally express my interest and support for the extremely important work you and this administration are accomplishing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Thompson".

Joe Thompson, MD
Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar

Enc: 1) June 27-28th, Itinerary
2) RWJ Clinical Scholars program description

**ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION
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SEMINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY & RESEARCH

**Washington, D.C., Bethesda and Rockville, Maryland
Monday and Tuesday
June 27-28, 1994**

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1994

- 7:00 am *Depart RDU International Airport: American Flight No. 1048*
- 8:00 am *Arrive Washington National Airport (DCA)
Taxi to Hampshire House Hotel
1310 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
202-296-7600 Fax 202-293-2476*
- Leave luggage with bellperson (if rooms not available) and then gather in
private dining room for continental breakfast*
- 8:45 am *At the Hampshire House Hotel, In Sung Dynasty Restaurant (202-833-8898)
Meet with Karen A. Bodenborn, R.N., M.P.H.
Executive Director
Partnership for Prevention, Inc.
1220 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
202-833-0009 Fax 202-833-0113*
- 10:00 am *Transportation to Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.*
- 10:30 am *Meet with The Honorable Donna E. Shalala
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Room 716 G
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 716-G
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-690-7694 Fax 202-690-6166
Telephone for Ms. Patricia Cox (Appointments Secretary): 202-690-6610*
- 11:00 am *May have a brief break here (perhaps coffee in Penhouse at HHH)*

- 11:30 am Meet with Bruce Vladick, Ph.D.
Administrator
Health Care Financing Administration
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 314-G
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-690-6726 Fax 202-
Appointment Secretary: Rena Jude
- 12:00 pm *Luncheon at Penthouse Cafeteria at Hubert H. Humphrey Building*
- 1:30 pm *Transportation to Longworth House Office Building*
- 2:00 pm Meet with David Abernethy, M.P.P.
Staff Director, Subcommittee on Health
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building, Room 1114
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-225-7785 Fax 202-
- 2:45 pm *Transportation to 330 C Street, S.W.*
- 3:00 pm Meet with James Harrell, M.P.H.
Deputy Director,
Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
U.S. Public Health Service
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street, S.W., Room 2132
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-205-8611 Fax 202-245-1478
- 4:15 pm *Walk to Hubert H. Humphrey Building*
- 4:30 pm Meet with Joycelyn Elders, M.D.
Surgeon General of the United States
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 710-G
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-690-6467 Fax 202-
- 5:00 pm Return to hotel
- 6:30 pm *In private dining room in Sung Dynasty Restaurant at Hotel:*
Dinner with Ivy Jo Boufford, M.D., M.P.H.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 716-G
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-690-7694 Fax 202-690-6960
Appointment Secretary: Gloria Gonzalez
- 9:00 pm Adjourn for the day

June 28

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1994

- 8:00 am *Transportation to Old Executive Office Building, The White House
17th Street and G Street Entrance*
- 9:00 am *Meet with Lynn Margherio
Senior Policy Analyst
Domestic Policy Council
The White House
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.
202-456-5561 Fax 202-456-7431*
- 10:00 am *Transportation to 2101 East Jefferson Street
Executive Office Center
Rockville, Maryland*
- 11:00 am *Meet for pizza lunch with
Norman W. Weissman, Ph.D. (with Carolyn Clancy, M.D. and others)
Director, Center for General Health Services Extramural Research
Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
2101 East Jefferson Street
Rockville, Maryland 20852
301-594-1349 (extension 109) Fax 301-443-9310*
- 12:30 pm *Transportation to Bethesda, Maryland
Building 31, National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike*
- 1:00 pm *Meet with Samuel Korper, Ph.D.
Associate Director for Planning, Analysis and Communication
National Institute on Aging
National Institutes of Health
Building 31, Room 5-C-05
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
301-496-3133 Fax 301-496-2793*
- 2:15 pm *Transportation to Executive Plaza Office Complex
6100 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland
Catch the 2:15 pm (non-express) "E/P" Shuttle in front of the A Wing of Bldg 31
(bus will go to the front door of the 6100 building at Executive Plaza*
- 2:30 pm *Meet with James Mills, M.D. and Alan Herman, M.D., Ph.D.
Section on Pediatric Epidemiology
Division of Prevention Research
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institutes of Health
6100 Executive Blvd, Room 7-B-03
Bethesda, MD
301-496-5064 Fax 301-402-2084*



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June 3, 1994

Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Carol,

Greetings from Arkansans in North Carolina!

Julie and I participated in the exodus from Arkansas and First Methodist year before last, however, we landed in North Carolina. Julie is doing well in the journalism masters program here at UNC. I am in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program studying health policy and health services research. We are doing well and trust that you are enjoying your exciting world.

My reason for writing at this point in time are as follows: Gordon DeFriese, Director of the Sheps Center for Health Services Research and Co-Director of the RWJ program here, is organizing a two day Washington trip for the seven physicians in the Clinical Scholars Program. The purpose is to gain insight and understanding into the research, funding, and development of issues pertinent to health policy.

Currently, leaders and members of different governmental departments and institutes are on line for small group discussions with us. Included are representatives from NIH, DHS, Congressional committees, the IOM, private lobbying groups, etc. We currently lack representation from the inner circle of the Clinton administration.

Recognizing the obvious limitations, would it be possible to arrange a meeting with someone of senior status to enable us to better understand the process of health policy development, interactions with other institutions, and experience of the Clinton administration. An open discussion of these issues would be invaluable and the confidentiality of such a discussion would be ensured.

Enclosed is a schedule from a previous trip to Washington by a former group of clinical scholars to give you some perspective. I've also enclosed a brochure about the RWJ Clinical Scholars Program.

Any help or direction you could give will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

Joe Thompson, MD
Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar

Enc: 1) RWJ brochure
2) 1992 schedule

cc: Gordon DeFriese, PhD, Director, Sheps Center for Health
Services Research & Co-Director RWJ Clinical Scholars
Program. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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SEMINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY AND RESEARCH

Washington, D.C.
Wednesday and Thursday
May 13, 14, 1992

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1992

- 7:15 am *Depart RDU International Airport: USAir Flight No. 1632*
- 8:10 am *Arrive Washington National Airport (DCA)
Taxi to Hampshire Hotel
1310 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Telephone: 202-296-7600
FAX: 202-293-2476*
- Leave luggage and then gather in Laftte Creole Restaurant, private dining room
Continental Breakfast will be waiting*
- 9:00 am *Meet with Karen A. Bodenhorn, R.N., M.P.H.
Vice President
Capitol Associates, Inc.
426 C Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
Telephone: 202-544-1880
FAX: 202-543-2565*
- 10:30 am *Transportation to Capitol Hill (Hart Senate Office Building)*
- 11:15 am *Meet with The Honorable Terry Sanford (D-NC)
United States Senator
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Telephone: 202-224-3154
FAX: 202-224-7406
(Kate Rcfine, Legislative Assistant)*
- 12:00 pm *Lunch (Senate Cafeteria)*
- 12:30 pm *Transportation to Bethesda, Maryland and NIH campus*

- 1:30 pm Meet with Samuel Korper, Ph.D.
Associate Director for Planning, Analysis and Communication
National Institute on Aging
National Institutes of Health
Building 31, Room 5-C-05
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892
Telephone: 301-496-3133
FAX: 301-496-2793
(Joanne Teague)
- 3:00 pm *Transportation to Capitol Hill (Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 138)*
- 4:00 pm Attend Congressional Staff Briefing on Childhood Immunizations and Vaccine Policy sponsored by *Partnership for Prevention* hosted by Senator Tom Harkin, with special presentation by William Roper, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control; Kay Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst, The March of Dimes; and Darryl Leong, M.D., M.P.H., National Association of Community Health Centers. Briefing materials prepared by Gary L. Freed, M.D. and W. Clayton Bordley, M.D., both of the University of North Carolina Clinical Scholars Program.
- 4:50 pm *Walk to Longworth House Office Building*
- 5:00 pm Meet with David Abernethy
Professional Staff Member
Subcommittee on Health
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1114 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515
Telephone: 202-225-7785
- 6:00 pm *Transportation to Hamshire Hotel, 1310 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Private Dining Room at Lafitte Creole Restaurant*
- 6:30 pm Dinner with J. Michael McGinnis, M.D.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health
Director, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
The Switzer Building, Room 2132
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
Telephone: 202-472-5660 (202-245-7611)
FAX: 202-245-1478
- 9:00 pm *End of Day 1*

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1992

- 8:00 am *Transportation to Rockville, Maryland (probably by Metro)
(Dr. Shelly Greenfield will join group in Rockville)*
- 9:00 am Meet with Fredrick Goodwin, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, National Institute of Mental Health
Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration
U.S. Public Health Service
The Parklawn Building, Room 17-99
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857
Telephone: 301-443-3675
FAX: 301-443-2578
(Peggy Shanley)
- 10:00 am Meet with Fitzhugh Mullan, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Public Health Service
The Parklawn Building, Room 8-05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857
Telephone: 301-443-5794
- 11:00 am *Transportation (by taxi) to Executive Office Center, 2101 E. Jefferson Street,
Rockville, Maryland)*
- 11:15 am Meet with Ira Raskin, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Center for Medical Effectiveness Research
Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
U.S. Public Health Service
Executive Office Center, Room 605
2101 E. Jefferson Street
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Telephone: 301-227-8485
- 12:00 pm *Lunch (possibly with Drs. Raskin and Weissman "down the street")*
- 1:00 pm Meet with Norman W. Weissman, Ph.D.
Director
Center for General Health Services Extramural Research
Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
U.S. Public Health Service
Executive Office Center, Room 502
2101 E. Jefferson Street
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Telephone: 301-227-8349
FAX: 301-227-8155
- 1:30 pm *Transportation to Old Executive Office Building (17th Street Entrance),
The White House*

- 2:00 pm Meet With Gail Wilensky, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant to the President for Policy Development
The White House
Old Executive Office Building, Room 216
Washington, D.C. 20201
Telephone: 202-456-6406
FAX: 202-456-7739
(Lena Lee)
- 3:30 pm *Transportation to Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C.*
- 4:00 pm Meet with The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.,
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 615 F
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
Telephone: 202-245-7000
FAX: 202-245-7203
- 5:00 pm *Transportation to Washington National Airport (DCA)*
- 6:44 pm *Depart DCA for RDU, American Flight No. 225*
- 7:55 pm *Arrive at RDU International Airport*

Organized programs of study in the fields of aging and disability exist in all of the five health science schools, in the Sheps Center for Health Services Research and the School of Social Work. UNC-CH is the site of a new NIA-supported center for the study of the problems of the rural elderly, the first of the Congressionally mandated studies of the cost and effectiveness of including coverage for preventive services under Medicare, and UNC faculty have conducted a number of national studies of the special problems of this population group.

Candidates who meet the general criteria for the National Program are encouraged to apply to the UNC-CH Program, whether or not they can identify a specific research topic of interest in one of these priority areas. An effort will be made at the time of on-site visits to arrange for each candidate to meet with faculty and present Scholars who share an interest in their personal areas of research preference.

Alumni of the UNC Program

The majority of former Clinical Scholars, from all program training sites, have pursued careers in academic medicine, but a large number of graduates of this program have taken other career paths. Some former Scholars have accepted important health policy positions, while others have become administrators of local, state and federal health programs. Many have taken managerial positions in the health care industry. Fewer have chosen full-time clinical practice. The Program is interested in attracting to this fellowship young physicians who want to enlarge their perspectives on the problems of organizing

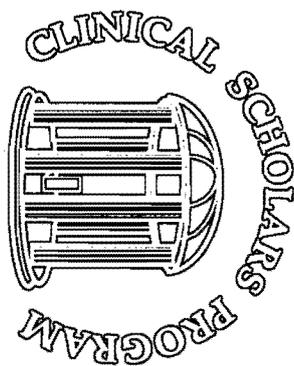
financing and providing needed health care services, as well as those who desire to integrate a broader spectrum of knowledge into their roles as clinicians, teachers and leaders in the future of American medicine. We believe the range of resources available at the UNC-Chapel Hill Clinical Scholars Program is exceptional. We welcome the chance to discuss these opportunities with those who wish to explore this fellowship possibility.

Application Procedure

All applicants to the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program must complete the national Program Application kit available from any of the training sites, or from the Foundation in Princeton. Applications, including on-site interviews at program locations, must be completed between January 1 and April 1 of the calendar year preceding proposed entry into the program. We encourage discussions with our UNC-CH Program staff prior to this period. Completed written applications must be received by March 1 to allow for the scheduling of an on-site visit to Chapel Hill. Those with an interest in the program at UNC-CH should contact:

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Background

The Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is one of six programs funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at major academic health centers throughout the United States. The UNC-Chapel Hill Program began in 1974. The goals and objectives for the national Program are described in a brochure prepared by the Foundation and available through their office in Princeton, New Jersey. The Program is designed to offer young physicians from multiple specialties who have completed their clinical training an opportunity to acquire additional skills in the application of the non-biological sciences to the study of important problems in the fields of health care policy and patient care research.

Sponsorship & Leadership

The Clinical Scholars Program at UNC-Chapel Hill is based in the School of Medicine, is jointly sponsored by the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, and has a close relationship to the School of Public Health. The Principal Investigator and Chairman of the Program's Advisory Committee is Stuart Bondurant,

M.D., Dean of the UNC-CH School of Medicine. Co-Directors of the Program are David F. Ransohoff, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Director of the Clinical Epidemiology Unit, and Gordon H. DeFries, Ph.D., Professor of Social Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Administration and Director of the Sheps Center for Health Services Research. A large core of over 50 UNC-CH faculty representing more than 20 academic disciplines is actively involved with the Clinical Scholars Program.

Structure of the Program

The Program is a two-year fellowship with a core curriculum extending throughout the first year. There is considerable opportunity for research skills development across a broad range of disciplines represented on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The nature of most fellows' research and scholarly interests leads many to take courses in the UNC-CH School of Public Health, the nation's largest institution of its kind. Formal degree candidacy is not an expectation or a requirement of the Program. Scholars also are given appointments in the clinical departments corresponding to their own backgrounds and usually spend a modest portion of their time in clinical teaching.

All participants in the Clinical Scholars Program are expected to complete at least one major research project during their two-year fellowship experience under the guidance of a faculty mentor and with the help of consultants from a variety of relevant disciplines. An abstract of this research is expected to be submitted for

competitive review and presentation at the annual National Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program by the end of the Scholar's training period. It is hoped that the results of the major project will be published in a peer-reviewed journal of importance to the field in which the work was done.

Priority Areas of Emphasis at UNC

Each of the training sites for the Clinical Scholars Program emphasizes at least two areas of research and policy analysis. At UNC-CH these areas are: (1) Health Promotion and Preventive Health Services, and (2) Aging, Disablement and Long-Term Care. These priority areas correspond to particular strengths at the University of North Carolina and are of major national importance to the health of the American people. In addition, the Program at UNC-CH provides basic training in research methods for persons with other interests in clinical research.

A wide variety of studies related to health promotion and preventive services are currently under way at UNC-CH. The University is the site of one of the five CDC-sponsored centers for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, an Injury Prevention Research Center, a Highway Safety Research Center, the Lipids Research Center, the Lineberger Cancer Research Center, and a variety of prevention-oriented research and service activities throughout the five health science schools (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health) and the Sheps Center for Health Services Research.

We have renamed our priority areas as:

- 1) Clinical Effectiveness and Policy Studies: Preventive Health Care**
- 2) Clinical Effectiveness and Policy Studies: Aging and Geriatric Care**

The purpose is to indicate the breadth of interests and resources at UNC.