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Office of the President

Senator Robert Dole 141 Hart Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

January 28, 1987

I am writing to tell you how pleased we are that you will be joining us at the dedication of the just completed University Tower Clinic, on Friday, March 27th at the dedication banquet.

The Clinic is a major step forward in health care delivery in this area of the country. It can best be described by saying that it is patterned after the prototype of the Mayo and Cleveland Clinics, which offer the most comprehensive medical services a patient can receive under one roof by a group of physicians working as a team.

We will forward further information about the occasion. It is the hope of the University community that you will use the occasion of the dedication of the clinic to announce the health care plank of your presidential platform; and how this institution, with its wholistic approach to health care delivery and the new health care delivery center, will interdigitate with your program.

Now that the State of the Union is behind you, and I hope the "storms" in Washington as well, it is my hope to be in your city in the near future. I would pray that we could meet for some time during that visit.

With warmest regards and many thanks, I look forward to your coming to Des Møines.

Very sincerely,

J:-Leonard Azneer, Ph.D

President

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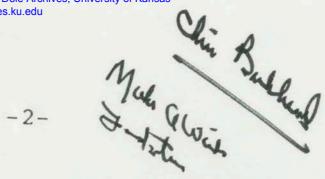
# DEDICATION OF THE MULTISPECIALTY CLINIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DES MOINES, IOWA MARCH 27, 1987

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION TO HELP INAUGURATE WHAT PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE FINEST HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN IOWA. AND, IN FACT, COULD WELL BE A MODEL FOR ALL OF RURAL AMERICA.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNIVERSITY TOWER

CLINIC WAS PATTERNED AFTER THE MAYO AND

CLEVELAND CLINICS -- TWO PRETTY FAIR MODELS --



SO I SALUTE THE VISION AND THE DEDICATION IT TOOK TO MAKE THIS WONDERFUL FACILITY A REALITY.

# PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE IT COUNTS

I'D LIKE TO BEGIN THIS EVENING BY FOCUSING
NOT SO MUCH ON CARE FOR THE SICK; BUT ON A MUCH
MORE FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF MODERN MEDICINE -THE PREVENTION OF SICKNESS. IN MY VIEW, OUR

NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM MUST BE JUDGED NOT ONLY IN ITS ABILITY TO CURE US, BUT ALSO ON ITS ABILITY TO KEEP US WELL.

THE EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION HAS BEEN THE

CORNERSTONE OF THIS INSTITUTION FROM THE DAY IT

FIRST OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1898; OSTEOPATHIC

PHYSICIANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE VANGUARD OF

PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE.

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BUT NOT LONG AGO A NEW STUDY TOLD US THAT
THE NATION STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO ON THE
PREVENTION FRONT.

FIRST, THE GOOD NEWS: BETWEEN 1965 AND 1980 WE REDUCED THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN THE UNITED STATES BY MORE THAN 50-PERCENT.

BUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN SAYS WE'VE STILL NOT GIVING INFANTS THE FIGHTING CHANCE THEY DESERVE TO BE BORN HEALTHY. AND THAT'S WHERE THIS NATION'S RECORD IS NOT SO HOT.

AS YOU NOW, PRENATAL CARE IS THE KEY,
INCLUDING EVERYTHING FROM REGULAR EXAMS, TO
NUTRITION COUNSELING, TO EDUCATION ABOUT
PREGNANCY RISK FACTORS SUCH AS SMOKING. THESE

ARE SOME CONCERNS THAT THIS INSTITUTION -- WITH ITS COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO MEDICINE -- UNDERSTANDS ONLY TOO WELL.

LIKE OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES, PRENATAL

CARE SAVES LIVES -- IT CAN ALSO SAVE DOLLARS.

AND IN THE REAL WORLD, FILLED WITH GROWING

EXPENSES AND FINITE RESOURCES, SAVING MONEY -
YOUR TAX DOLLARS -- IS THE NAME OF THE GAME.

THE SAD TRUTH IS, ONLY ONE PERCENT OF ALL FEDERAL HEALTH DOLLARS ARE SPENT ON PREVENTION.

WHY NOT SPEND MORE MONEY UP FRONT TO REDUCE
THE NEED FOR HIGH COST CARE LATER ON. IN ORDER
TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS WE BEGAN SOME YEARS AGO
TO TRY TO GET THE COST OF OUR EXISTING SYSTEM
UNDER CONTROL.

## WE DON'T HAVE TO RATION CARE

THE SEARCH FOR COST-CUTTING HAS LED TO SOME FAIRLY FRIGHTENING SPECULATION. SOME PEOPLE

ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT THE NEED TO "RATION"

HEALTH CARE SERVICES -- IN OTHER WORDS, TO

DECIDE WHOSE LIFE WE SHOULD PROLONG WITH OUR

SCARCE DOLLARS, AND WHOSE WE SHOULD NOT.

RATIONING MEANS MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT
WHETHER TO KEEP A VERY LOW BIRTHWEIGHT BABY
ALIVE, OR HOW LONG A FRAIL 85-YEAR-OLD SHOULD
BE MAINTAINED ON A LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM. THAT'S
NOT MY IDEA OF HUMANE HEALTH CARE.

RATIONING IS NOT THE SOLUTION, BUT

RATIONALIZING OUR HEALTH CARE DOLLARS IS.

LET'S SPEND EACH DOLLAR MORE WISELY SO WE DON'T

HAVE TO RATION. LET'S MAKE CERTAIN THESE LIFE

AND DEATH QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED WITH

COMPASSION AND WISDOM, NOT WITH

FEDERALLY-MANDATED SOLUTIONS. THE BOTTOM LINE

IS, WE NEED TO REASSESS OUR PRIORITIES.

AGAIN, PREVENTION CAN BE A PART OF THE KEY. THAT IS WHY I HAVE BEEN A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS -- FOR THE

POOR, THE UNBORN AND THE DISADVANTAGED. AS THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE, I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE WIC PROGRAM, AND THE OTHER NUTRITION PROGRAMS THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR THE NATION'S HEALTH. I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE STATES AND PRIVATE INSURERS TO MAKE A BIGGER INVESTMENT IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE.

IT'S A TOUGH CHORE TO FIND THE FUNDS FOR ALL OF THIS, BUT I BELIEVE THESE DOLLARS WILL PAY BIG DIVIDENDS DOWN THE ROAD.

# POOR PEOPLE ARE BEING SQUEEZED OUT

STILL, THERE ARE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO
CANNOT EVEN AFFORD HEALTH CARE -- PREVENTIVE OR
OTHERWISE!

THE SAD FACT IS ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE CHILDREN HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE OF ANY KIND,

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE

POOR. THEN THERE ARE SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE, OR

SEASONAL WORKERS, WHO AREN'T COVERED AND ARE NOW

EXPOSED TO MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL DISASTER. IN

A COUNTRY LIKE OURS, THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. BUT

DON'T EXPECT UNCLE SAM TO PICK-UP THE ENTIRE

TAB. OUR OBLIGATION TO TAKE CARE OF THE

DISADVANTAGED MUST BE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS, WITH

THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHARING THE LOAD, TOO. THE DIFFICULT QUESTION IS HOW TO SHARE THAT BURDEN. SO, HOW DO WE DO IT?

I CONTINUE TO FAVOR A METHOD OF SUBSIDIZING
THE PURCHASE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE FOR SOME OF
THE UNINSURED. THE CREATION OF STATE POOLS
WOULD GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING TO MAKE THIS
COVERAGE AVAILABLE. ADDITIONALLY, WE MAY NEED

TO CREATE SOME ADDED INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE SMALL EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

I AM COMMITTED TO KEEPING AS MANY PEOPLE IN
THE PRIVATE INSURANCE SYSTEM AS POSSIBLE. BUT
I AM PREPARED TO SUPPORT NEEDED MODIFICATIONS
IN PROGRAMS LIKE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID, WHERE
NECESSARY, SO WE REALLY HAVE A SAFETY NET. OUR
CURRENT WORK ON CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE
FOR THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 65 IS AN INDICATION

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OF THIS INTEREST, BUT ALSO AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VERY REAL BUDGET CONSTRAINTS THAT WILL NOT
ALLOW US TO BROADEN THIS DEBATE TO INCLUDE
ISSUES LIKE LONG-TERM CARE.

# PRESERVING ACCESS IN RURAL AREAS

AND NOW I COME TO A SUBJECT THAT ALL OF YOU HERE IN IOWA HAVE AN INTEREST IN -- HEALTH CARE DELIVERY TO RURAL AMERICA.

I REALIZE I'M PREACHING TO THE CHOIR WHEN I SAY THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST IF WE ARE TO HAVE A TRULY COMPREHENSIVE, HEALTH CARE SYSTEM:

PEOPLE DESERVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE; PEOPLE DESERVE ACCESS TO

ACUTE EMERGENCY CARE, CLOSE ENOUGH TO HOME TO

MAKE THE CRITICAL DIFFERENCE IN AN EMERGENCY

SITUATION; AND THEY DESERVE ACCESS TO

LONG-TERM CARE, CLOSE TO HOME AND TO FAMILY.

I'M WILLING TO BET THAT SOME STUDY SHOWS THAT

GRANDMA RECOVERS FASTER FROM HIP SURGERY IF

SHE'S VISITED REGULARLY BY HER GRANDCHILDREN.

BUT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERY FACILITY
WE NOW CALL "HOSPITAL" HAS TO BE THE BE-ALL,
END-ALL. NOR DOES EVERY "HOSPITAL" HAVE TO BE
A WONDERLAND OF EXPENSIVE TECHNOLOGY. LET'S
FACE IT, THERE'S NO REPLACEMENT I KNOW OF FOR
GOOD OLD FASHIONED HEALTH CARE -- FROM THE
FAMILY DOCTOR, TO THE HOSPITAL NURSE, TO THE

CAN'T BUILD ON THAT TRADITION OF CARE TO KEEP
THE FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND "WELLNESS", ALONG
WITH CONTINUED ACCESS TO ACUTE SERVICES AND
DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY THAT CLINICS SUCH AS THIS
ONE HAVE. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE HOSPITAL
AS A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION WILL CONTINUE TO
PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN EVERY PART OF THIS
COUNTRY. THE FUNCTION OF ALL THESE HOSPITALS
-- INCLUDING -- RURAL HOSPITALS -- WILL HAVE TO

EVOLVE DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, HOWEVER, TO MEET THE CHANGING HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

THE NEW MEDICARE PAYMENT SYSTEM HAS

INCREASED THE MOVEMENT OF MANY PATIENTS FROM

SMALLER COMMUNITIES INTO REGIONAL CENTERS,

LARGER URBAN HOSPITALS, AND MULTI-SPECIALTY

CLINICS LIKE THE ONE WE ARE HELPING DEDICATE

TODAY. THAT MOVEMENT MAKES A GREAT DEAL OF

SENSE. CLINICS LIKE THE TOWER CLINIC OFFER THE

VERY BEST THAT SCIENCE HAS TO OFFER. BUT

DURING THIS TIME OF TRANSITION, WE HAVE A

RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES TO

ASSIST THEM IN REBUILDING AND REORIENTING THEIR

SERVICES.

DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD, IT IS

CRITICAL THAT THE MEDICARE SYSTEM PLAYS AN

ACTIVE ROLE IN MAINTAINING ACCESS TO QUALITY

HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS.

I HAVE RECENTLY SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT
WOULD PROVIDE SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS WITH GRANTS
TO HELP FINANCE SOME OF THE CHANGES THEY NEED
TO MAKE. WE MAY NEED TO FIND EVEN MORE WAYS TO
ASSIST THEM.

RURAL HOSPITALS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN DELIVERING HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN PLACES LIKE IOWA AND KANSAS, BUT IN ORDER TO STAY ALIVE, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE; AND IT'S UP TO US TO HELP THEM.

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## CHALLENGES AHEAD

RECENT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR REFORMS

INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE CAUSING THE PROBLEMS

IN OUR RURAL AREAS—REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT

DEPARTURE FROM THE "MORE IS BETTER" MENTALITY

THAT HELPED DRIVE HEALTH COSTS UPWARD IN THE

PAST TWO DECADES; AND IT IS A TREND WE SHOULD

CONTINUE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE MUST

ENSURE THAT OUR COST CONSCIOUSNESS DOESN'T LEAD

TO A LOWER STANDARD OF CARE.

IN SCIENCE, OUR GENIUS FOR INVENTION IS

SERVING-UP INCREDIBLE DIAGNOSTIC, SURGICAL AND

BIOMEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS THAT BLUR THE LINES

BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH; AND HOLD THE PROMISE OF

REMARKABLE CURES, AND THE THREAT OF UNACCEPTABLE

COSTS, TOO.

THE "GRAYING" OF AMERICA PRESENTS ANOTHER
MAJOR CHALLENGE, AS A BURGEONING POPULATION OF
ELDERLY CITIZENS WHO CONSUME THE MOST EXPENSIVE
HIGH-TECH MEDICINE; AND WHO PUT A SEVERE STRAIN
ON OUR CAPACITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEDICAL,

NURSING HOME, AND HOME HEALTH CARE. IN LAW AND RELIGION, OUR JUDGES, ETHICISTS AND MORAL THEOLOGIANS ARE CONFOUNDED BY THE PANDORA'S BOX OF MEDICAL DISCOVERIES THAT INSISTS THEY REEXAMINE QUESTIONS AS FUNDAMENTAL AS WHEN LIFE BEGINS AND ENDS.

WITH SUCH POTENT SCIENTIFIC, DEMOGRAPHIC,

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES AFOOT, THE

FERMENT AND TURMOIL THROUGHOUT THE HEALTH CARE

INDUSTRY HAVE REACHED THE HIGH PITCH OF

REVOLUTION. GUIDING THIS REVOLUTION IS A

DELICATE BUSINESS BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH OF VALUE TO PRESERVE: THE AMERICAN WAY OF HEALTH HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF MIRACULOUS.

OF GOVERNMENT IS HOW THAT GOVERNMENT TREATS
THOSE WHO ARE IN THE DAWN OF LIFE, THE
CHILDREN; THOSE WHO ARE IN THE TWILIGHT OF
LIFE, THE ELDERLY; AND THOSE WHO ARE IN THE
SHADOWS OF LIFE; THE SICK, THE NEEDY AND THE
HANDICAPPED".

IN OUR THIRD CENTURY WE HAVE TO WONDER IF
WE CAN SUSTAIN THE COMMITMENT. WITH YOUR HELP,
I BELIEVE WE CAN.



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## Tower Medical Clinic

Smoked Trout, Caponata, Avocado on Bibb Lettuce with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Sutter Home White Zinfandel '85 Cornish Game Hen
Stuffed with
Spinach and Duxelle of Mushroom

Julienne of Vegetables Wild and Long Grain Rice

French Roast Decaffeinated Coffee Layered Chocolate Torte Fresh Fruit Sauce

Dietary Laws Observed

## Tower Clinic Celebration Program

Invocation . . . . Reverend William T. Hines

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Welcome . . . . Patricia Yungclas

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### Dinner

Presentation of Awards . . . . . Patricia Yungclas

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Presentation of the S.S. Medal . . J. Leonard Azneer, Ph.D.

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Address . . . . . . . . . . The Honorable

Robert Dole

United States Senate

The concept of the Tower Medical Clinic was first announced by University President J. Leonard Azneer in September, 1981. He envisioned a regional referral center that would testify to the quality of osteopathic medicine. Groundbreaking for the \$15 million, ten-story Tower was held in December, 1984. In February, 1987, the doors of the just-completed Tower were opened to the public.

The Tower enables us to provide quality care while holding costs to a minimum. As President Azneer noted, "We are pioneering cost-effective ways of treating those patients who require intensive care in settings other than hospitals. The Tower serves as a hospital without beds."

The Tower's design is both attractive and functional. Its reinforced concrete structure is clad with warm, earth-toned brick and highlighted by curved, insulated blue glass across the front. Inside, the Tower's 102,000 square feet were designed for specific clinical suites, clinical and research laboratories and administrative and academic offices. A 1,500-seat auditorium, the Olsen Medical Education Center, is adjacent to the Tower and is linked to the new 313-car parking ramp.

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