January 21, 1927

Dear Mr. Zappfa:

I am glad to make the following comment on your letter of January 5, 1927 regarding inspections of medical schools by the Association.

It seems to us doubtful if a systematic program of inspection of medical colleges by the Association is necessary in the next year or two. The reasons for this statement are as follows:

I. Such inspections are being regularly and efficiently made by the Council on Education of the American Medical Association. The reports of these inspections are open freely and fully to the officers and members of the Association of American Medical Colleges. These reports are accepted by all state boards as their guide in the recognition given by them to medical colleges. The advantages of co-operation with this Council on Education are obviously very great from considerations both of expense and efficiency and in my judgment should be utilized fully and the co-operation encouraged and developed. I think, therefore, that inspection by the Association of Medical Colleges should be made at present only after the receipt of the report of inspection by the Council when, if further inspection seems to the Association desirable, it might well be made in co-operation with the inspectors of the Council on Education. The latter are ready at any time to take with them a representative of the Association.

II. The Association of Medical Colleges in co-operation with the Rockefeller Foundation and other agencies are making a thorough survey of the needs of medical practice and medical education in the United States. For this survey about $150,000 has been provided, partly by this University. This survey will entail inspection of the medical colleges now existing. If the report of this survey, which
Dear Mr. Reader:

I am hereby to make the following report on your
Letter of August 4, 1937 regarding the Association of Medical
Colleges. The Association of Medical Colleges

Dr. J. F. Anderson, Jr.

I, Dr. J. F. Anderson, Jr., as the President of the
American Medical Association, take this opportunity to
express my appreciation for the cooperation of the
Association of Medical Colleges and an assurance of our
willingness to extend such cooperation.

The American Medical Association is pleased to
continue its affiliation with the Association of Medical
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II. The Association of Medical Colleges

In cooperation with the Association of Medical
Colleges, we shall endeavor to maintain a prompt and
regular exchange of information. "The Joint Federation" is the
name given to this agreement by the American Medical
Association, and the Association of Medical Colleges,

The Association of Medical Colleges

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. F. Anderson, Jr.
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III. Two state boards, namely New York and Pennsylvania, had undertaken inspections of medical colleges independently. The New York State Board has given up the practice during the past four or five years. I think it quite likely that the Pennsylvania Board may also decide that independent inspections do not add enough to the reports of inspection by the Council on Education to justify the continuation of the effort.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Mr. Fred C. Zappe, Secretary,
Association of American Medical Colleges,
25 East Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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President Max Mason  
University of Chicago  
Faculty Exchange  

My dear President Mason:  

In reference to the inclosed letter to you from the Secretary of the Association of American Medical Colleges, I think the following comment is apposite. 

A systematic program of inspection of medical colleges by the Association in the next year or two is not necessary or even advisable for the following reasons:  

(1) Such inspections are being regularly and efficiently made by the Council on Education of the American Medical Association. The reports of these inspections are open freely and fully to the officers and members of the Association of American Medical Colleges. These reports are accepted by all state boards as their guide in the recognition given by them to medical colleges. The advantages of cooperation with this Council on Education are obviously very great from considerations both of expense and efficiency and in my judgment should be utilized fully and the cooperation encouraged and developed. I think therefore that inspection by the Association of Medical Colleges should be made at present only after the receipt of the report of inspection by the Council when, if further inspection seems to the Association desirable, it might well be made in cooperation with the inspectors of the Council on Education. The latter are ready at any time to take with them a representative of the Association.  

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(3) Two state boards, namely New York and Pennsylvania, had undertaken inspections of medical colleges independently. The New York State Board has given up the practice during the past four or
In reference to the proposed merger of the American Medical College with the University of Chicago, I am forwarding herewith a summary of the instructions of the Committee on Medical Education to the Council on Education of the American Medical Association.

Appropriate measures have been taken to ensure that the merger will be carried out in accordance with the wishes of the Council and the American Medical Association. The details of the proposed merger are as follows:

1. The Council of the University of Chicago will cooperate with the Committee on Medical Education in conducting the merger.
2. The proposed merger will take place over the next six months.
3. The Council on Education of the American Medical Association will monitor the merger process to ensure compliance with the guidelines established by the Committee.
4. The merger will be financially supported by a grant from the American Medical Association.
5. The merger will involve the transfer of the medical school of the University of Chicago to the American Medical Association.

I am confident that the merger will be successful and will benefit both the University of Chicago and the American Medical Association.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chairman, Committee on Medical Education
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I hope that these comments may be of some help in consideration of Dr. Zapffe's letter.

Yours sincerely,

B.C.H. Harvey
Dean of Medical Students
The report of the Council on Education was presented to the Committee of the Council on Education for its information and consideration. I urge your prompt acceptance and in due course its distribution.

[Signature]

Dean of Students
Office of the President

Referred to

Please

1. Dispose of as you think best.
2. Answer and retain in your files.
3. Answer and return with carbon of reply for our files.
4. Return with answer on President's stationery for him to sign.
5. Return
   a) With information called for in writing.
   b) With suggestion of answer in writing.
   c) Comment in writing.
6. Return and arrange for personal interview.
7. Follow through—and report.
8. Initial and return (sent for information only).
10. Send to ____________________ with covering letter.
11. File under ____________________
12. Make ____________________ copies.
    Send to
Mr. Max Mason,
President, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sir:

Since 1903 this Association has inspected medical colleges: first, its member colleges; second, colleges applying for membership. College authorities are of the opinion that these inspections are of great value constructively. Unfortunately, however, the financial resources of the Association have always been limited, the only source of income being the annual dues. Therefore, it has not been possible to make as many inspections, or as frequent inspections as really should be made to do the greatest good.

The conviction that more inspections should be made, and requests coming from many of the best medical schools in membership in the Association, led to the unanimous adoption of a resolution calling for more frequent inspections at the annual meeting of the Association, held last October. The Executive Council is now compelled to devise ways and means to secure financial support for this work from other agencies interested in medical education outside of this Association.

It has been suggested by a university executive that this question be brought specifically to the attention of the executives of all universities that have a medical school for the purpose of securing from them an expression of opinion as to whether they are in accord with the idea that more inspections should be made and to express any personal views they may have in the matter. Further, that they give permission that use may be made of supporting opinions to secure financial assistance without in any way obligating the university or the medical school.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Fred. C. Zapffe
Secretary
Since 1900, the Association and its members have worked to create a system of transfer and articulation that allows students to move seamlessly from college to college. The importance of this system cannot be understated, as it ensures that students are well-prepared for success in their careers.

The Association works to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of these transfer and articulation agreements. It helps institutions to develop and implement new agreements, and to improve the existing ones.

In addition, the Association provides resources and support to its members, helping them to develop and maintain strong relationships with other institutions.

Your efforts are vital to the ongoing success of the Association and its mission. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
President Max Mason  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois  

Dear President Mason:  

I am returning herewith the attached letter from the Association of American Medical Colleges.  

I am not in favor of requesting additional inspections. Before replying to this letter, however, I would suggest that you obtain the opinions of Dean Harvey and Dean Irons.  

Sincerely yours,  

[Signature]  

Franklin C. McLean  

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