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Hector Garcia, M. D.
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Dear Doctor Garcia:

As you recall, in December of 1962 you accepted an appointment from Governor Price Daniel to serve as a member of the Health and Medical Planning Task Group of the State Emergency Resources Planning Committee. Your appointment was reaffirmed by Governor John Connally in 1964, as was my appointment as Chairman of this Task Group.

On December 1, 1964, Governor Connally, through his State Emergency Planning Director, Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., entered into a contract with the Federal Government which stipulated that the State of Texas Emergency Resources Planning organization would complete, test and submit a State Emergency Plan to the Executive Office of the President. To meet the terms of this contract, it is necessary to develop, prior to June 1965, the State of Texas Emergency Resources Management Plan, of which our Task Group is responsible for the preparation of the Health and Medical Resources Section.

On February 26, 1965, a conference of all Task Group Chairmen was convened here in Austin by the Emergency Resources Planning Committee Chairman, General James E. Taylor, at which time a general planning and organizational concept was approved and completion schedules for the various Task Group portions of the plan were assigned.

Subsequent to this meeting, the Disaster Health and Medical Planning staff of this Department developed a draft Health and Medical Resources Plan as our Task Group contribution to the State Emergency Resources Management Plan. This proposed plan is based on Federal guidance and the Disaster Health and Medical Services Annex to the State Operational Survival Plan which was recently approved by the Texas Medical Association's Committee on Disaster Medical Care. Enclosed for your information and perusal is a copy of our proposed plan. Your comments and recommendations are solicited.

In order to accomplish our assigned task, I am planning to hold a meeting of the Health and Medical Planning Task Group at 10:00 a.m., May 21, 1965, in the Board Room of the Texas State Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, here in Austin, at which time the plan will be reviewed, discussed and revised as necessary. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend this meeting since your views and recommendations are desired and will be most helpful. Should you not be able to attend this meeting, would you please notify me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

J. E. Peavy, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
Chairman, Health and Medical
Planning Task Group

Enclosure