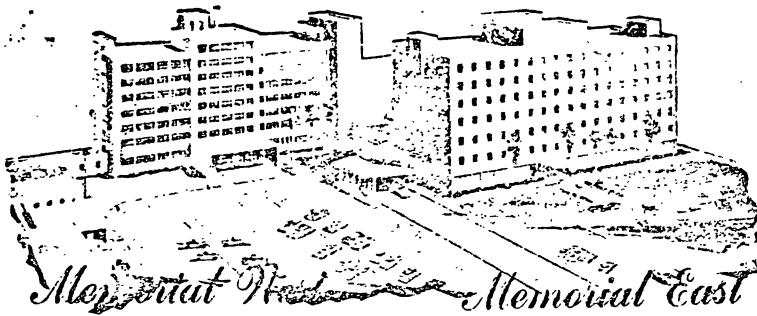


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February 12, 1971

The Hon. Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Mr. Chris Aldrete

Dear Sir:

Dr. Hector Garcia suggested we write to you concerning our O.E.O. application. Previously, we had been in conversation with Dr. Richard Greene, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Consultant with O.E.O., about curing any defects in our application for an adult Out-Patient Clinic at Robstown, Texas. We are not requesting any help in that regard.

However, funding will be necessary to get this project going and there is a possibility of funding as early as April 1, 1971 out of the 1971-72 appropriations. Congressman Young's office informs us that there are some \$20 million available. We were also informed there are no O.E.O. programs like this in Texas (the Driscoll Foundation Childrens' Hospital has opened a childrens' clinic in Robstown under an HEW grant, and we would cooperate with them, under an inter-agency arrangement).

We wanted to alert you to the fact that we will be seeking to get this matter "wrapped up" as early as possible for early funding. There are many impoverished people in the city of Robstown who are in need of health care; some of them are able to get to our Out-Patient Clinic, operated by Memorial Medical Center, but many are not. If we can establish a clinic at Robstown, thousands of people not now receiving care will get it. We would staff this clinic under our direction as a satellite operation

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and provide services to the local indigent in Robstown; it would also be an excellent educational opportunity for our Interns.

We hope that we can have your support for this project, and your help when the time comes.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. McCuistion
President

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