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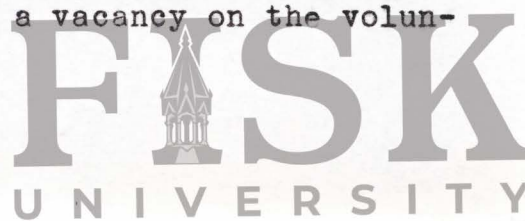
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Dear Dr. Bousfield:

In my recent request to Mr. Paty for an application blank, I did not mention the nature of the work which I am about to begin because, having seen one of the forms, I knew that the plan of work would have been fully described therein. Permit me, therefore, to outline briefly what I intend doing and why I wish to apply for Fellowship aid.

During the latter part of my medical course at Howard University and my internship at Freedmen's Hospital it was my good fortune to be closely associated with Dr. Ben Karpman, psychiatrist at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C., and professor of psychiatry at Howard University. He recognized the demand for a fully equipped Negro psychiatrist in Washington and wanted me to specialize. I was advised to get about five years experience in general practice before doing this and at present have been in practice four years and three months. Dr. Karpman very recently indicated his desire to have me come to Washington at once and work with him at Saint Elizabeths, Gallinger, and Freedmen's Hospitals because of a vacancy on the volun-

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tary staff. The course, as outlined by him, will require my full time for at least two years and will be without salary. At the completion of my work I would become associated as a psychiatrist with Freedmen's Hospital and Howard University, set up mental hygiene clinics in the hospital and university and do private practice.

I am married and have two daughters, four and two years of age. Since my family is entirely dependent upon me, I am seeking Fellowship aid in order to maintain them while I shall be studying.

Dr. Karpman is well acquainted with my problem and I am sure that, if you are sufficiently interested to communicate with him as to the merit of my work, he will give you full information. His address is: Ben Karpman, M. D., Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mr. L. A. Oxley of the Department of Labor, who is at present in Chicago, is also quite interested in my proposed plan in as much as he has seen the need for this type of training for Negroes during his association with the North Carolina Welfare Board and since then.

I have obtained transcripts of my college and medical records while awaiting the application blank and it would take but a day or two to send the completed forms back to you. It was just last week when I learned that all applications for Fellowships had to be in by February twenty-seventh which explains my lateness in communicating with the Fund.

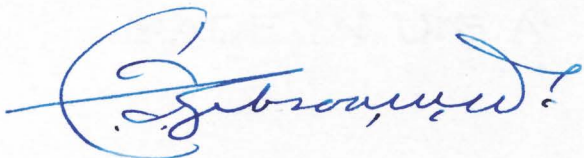


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I beg of you, Dr. Bousfield, to give this matter a little of your attention for these reasons - it is something which is needed among our people; Dr. Karpman thinks I am qualified and is willing to train me; I am very anxious to do the work but cannot unless some provision is made for the maintenance of myself and family.

Be kind enough to send me an application blank at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Gibson", written in a cursive style.

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