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Dear Doctor Peterson: Thanks for your very nice note of August 17th. I am sorry to say that I doubt that many of the other men present got the clear-cut impression which you seem to have received at our luncheon meeting. Frankly, I am a bit discouraged with the lack of imagination among most of these colored public health workers. This results in an inability to project programs of real value. I suppose this is the fault of most humans, but right now it is a definite hindrance in this particular field. I am very grateful to you for your letter, and I wish you all the success in your new work and I hope to find a chance to bring you back to the mainland sometime soon.

Let me suggest that you write a letter to Doctor W. G. Alexander, 48 Webster Place, Orange, New Jersey. It is possible that Doctor Alexander will ask for a man in the State of New Jersey almost immediately. In view of the fact that the same thing may happen in New York, perhaps you had better keep your ear to the ground over there. West is away on a months' vacation. I think you would do well to let Murray know where you are, as he may try to carry on during West's absence.

Sincerely yours,

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