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Dr. M. O. Bousfield,  
Director for Negro Health,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Dr. Owen written on receipt of yours of March 28th so advising. As I have indicated I am interested in several things about the proposition including the personal one of salary and tenure. You see Dr. Joseph has an appointment at \$2400 annually and we would be loath to give up a permanent \$6000 a year for something unsure, even tho the work and location would be much preferable in Philadelphia.

As yet I haven't heard from N.Y. City Civil Service Commission about the exam there for District Health Officer so I have no definite date for coming up. I shall let you know immediately on notification.

Sincerely yours,

*Jerome S. Peterson*  
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Dr. Hubley R. Owen,  
Director, Department of Public Health,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Owen:

Dr. Bousfield has suggested that I write you about my availability for appointment as Director of the proposed Health Center in Philadelphia. I am very interested in the proposition as it seems to provide the opportunity for the type of work I would like most to do.

As yet I have not been told the details about the proposed Center, its relationship to the City Department of Public Health and to the Rosenwald Fund, the proposed personnel, the scope of work intended, the source and amount of funds for salaries and carrying on this work. I am, of course, interested in the proposed salary for the Director of this Center, the source from which this salary will come, tenure of office and Civil Service status of this position. I should greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of the latest report on the activities of the Department of Public Health of Philadelphia and also any material you may have on health conditions or health activities among the Negro population.


As Dr. Bousfield has probably told you I am at present engaged under the Puerto Rican Health Department as medical director of one of their tuberculosis hospitals on a permanent appointment under civil service status. Should you decide to offer me the appointment under acceptable terms, the only question of time of availability will be up to the Commissioner of Health of Puerto Rico as to when he can release me. I think I should be able to report to you by July the first and perhaps earlier if you might have any need of me. I shall appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience so I can make the necessary arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Jerome S. Peterson, M.D.

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cc to Dr. M.O.Bousfield

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