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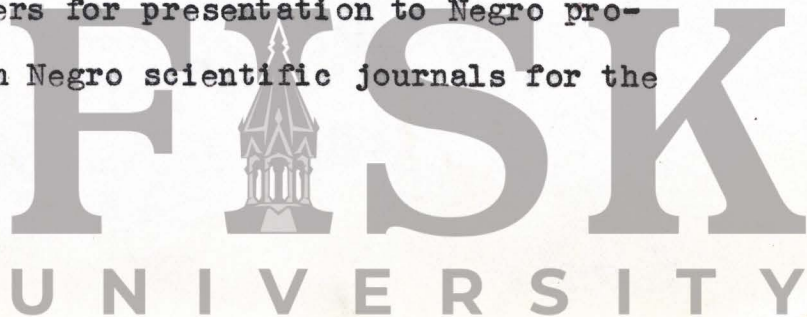
STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

During my medical education at Howard University, I became very interested in psychiatry. My professor, Dr. Ben Karpman, being convinced that there was a demand for Negroes in this field, and believing me to be capable, encouraged me to specialize after a few years in the general practice of medicine. More than four years in general practice have given me the background necessary for specialization and I am now ready to devote my full time to studying psychiatry.

The opportunity for study is offered by Dr. Karpman, professor of psychiatry, College of Medicine, Howard University, Washington, D. C., and psychiatrist at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Both of these institutions are under the supervision of the United States Department of the Interior. Dr. Karpman has begun my work by giving me reading assignments and is to send me case histories done by medical students for correction. My work in Washington is to begin in June, 1937 and is to extend over a period of not less than two years. The course will be divided into two parts, clinical and academic.

The clinical work will include bed-side examinations, case histories, psychotherapy and clinical attendance at Saint Elizabeth's, Gallinger and Freedmen's Hospitals.

The academic work will consist of lectures by Dr. Karpman and several of his associates in psychiatry, psychoanalysis and neurology, reading assignments, assistance to Dr. Karpman with his classes in psychiatry, and preparation of papers for presentation to Negro professional groups and publication in Negro scientific journals for the



purpose of stimulating an increased interest in this branch of medicine.

After the completion of my work, I will seek appointments to the faculty of Howard University and to the staff of Freedmen's Hospital and engage in the private practice of psychiatry.

I expect to start mental hygiene clinics in the university and hospital in which the borderline cases can be diagnosed and treated. Recent contact with Dr. James Sonnett Greene, Medical Director of the National Hospital for Speech Disorders, New York City, has demonstrated the need for this same type of work in Washington, D. C., the center of Negro education. This could be done through the medium of a Medical-Social Clinic, a large part of which would be psychiatric.

Finally, the fact that sanatorium care for Negro mental cases is very inadequate opens the possibility of establishing a Negro sanatorium for nervous and mental diseases in or near one of the larger centers of Negro population.