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Dear Dr. Peterson: I have your letter of November 29, and in the same mail I have received one from Dr. Joseph, to whom a copy of this letter is going. It seems to me that it is necessary to consider the two of you together, especially when your letter rejects my offer to you and hers makes a request concerning a child hygiene and maternity program for Macon County. My understanding is that you refuse an appointment at Macon County unless provisions are made for Dr. Joseph. I have already pointed out to you the double liability of working with two people. I did this without mentioning that there is a possibility of a double asset also. I have been favorably impressed as a result of my interview with you, and I have had the most encouraging reports of Dr. Joseph. I wish to offer the following proposition: you assume immediately charge of the work in Macon County at a salary of \$2,500 per year; Dr. Joseph complete her present internship and do a residency in either obstetrics or pediatrics for a year and join you at a salary of \$2,000.

I have already explained to you the advantages of going to Macon County at once and abandoning your present public health venture at Columbia. I have no hesitancy in recommending you to make that change immediately. I think Dr. Joseph deserves the additional training before attempting to take up the special problem in the field. As a matter of fact, from my point of view, this is a concession. You now have before the two of you the problem of whether you can bridge the time between the beginning of your work in Macon County and the completion of Dr. Joseph's training.

If you care to discuss the matter further, please write me. I shall be in New York again on Saturday, December 18. It will probably be impossible to see you that day. If necessary, I will remain over Sunday in order to discuss these details with you. In the meantime, I hope I shall hear from both of you. A reasonably quick decision is expected.

Very truly yours,

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