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My dear Perry: I have sent a copy of your letter to Dr. Patterson and we are agreed that a salary of \$8,000, while more than our tentative budget had supplied for this position, is reasonable. I think it is safe for you to count on the appointment as I have had an agreement by telegram from Dr. Patterson this morning, and you should plan for going to Tuskegee at the end of your term at Harvard. Dr. Patterson will make official appointment when he returns to Tuskegee - which may be a matter of two weeks from this date.

In the meantime, I hope you will get as close to Dr. Nelson, in the Massachusetts State Health Department, as you can. You will probably drive to Tuskegee since you have your car, and I suggest that you go through Washington and see Dr. Clifford E. Waller, in the United States Public Health Service, on your way down. Shortly after your arrival at Tuskegee, you should go to Montgomery, a distance of about thirty five miles, and present yourself to Dr. J. N. Baker, the State Health Officer. You will, of course, see Dr. Murray Smith, the County Health Officer, whose location is in Tuskegee. At the present time it is my feeling that you should interest yourself in venereal disease control as a major interest.

I am very happy that we have been able to reach a mutually satisfactory decision, and I feel certain that you will never regret having had an opportunity to do what really amounts to a bit of pioneering with so large a Negro population.

Very truly yours,

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