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Dear Dr. Bousfield:

Thanks for your letter of February 29th. The Philadelphia opening sounds interesting and attractive from the general outline you give. I hope the director will be given somewhat of a free hand to try to get over a health program, though I suppose one finds out that sort of thing after getting into it. New York City is holding an exam for District Health Officer sometime this Spring, for which I have filed application. Should my qualifications be accepted, I'll be going up for the exam. I'll let you know exact dates as soon as I am notified, in case you want to see me or have me see the Philadelphia people.

Incidentally, another good reference for me is Dr. Herbert R. Edwards, Director Bureau Tuberculosis, New York City Health Department, under whom I worked for over a year as physician-in-charge of a tuberculosis clinic. He and Dr. Barnard were together instrumental in procuring for me the Social Security Fellowship on which I studied at the Harvard School of Public Health. My present chief, Dr. E. Garrido Morales, Commissioner of Health, San Juan, Puerto Rico will also recommend me.

My present salary is \$3000 annually with house and maintenance, considered to be equivalent to \$3600 annually. Mileage and food and lodging allowance is made when official trips are required. I am on Civil Service here and have tenure, vacations, sick leave and retirement funds. I mention all this because of Dr. Shaw's opinion about working on the state staff at present salary. I should also be interested in the question of tenure, etc. in the Philadelphia Health Department.

I appreciate your consideration of me in this matter and hope something will come of it all.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I'm staying away from apple carts.

