Dear:

It has been general policy to locate veterans' hospitals as near as possible to medical schools because of the benefit accruing from the research work done in this field, and this policy has been generally acclaimed by the medical world.

The proposal, therefore, which was suggested to me to authorize the Administrator of Veterans Affairs to convey certain property to Loyola University seems to be in harmony with that general policy, since it would be used for medical purposes. This is also consonant with policies pursued by the Veterans Administration itself because the location of medical facilities close to the hospitals does assure the veterans of a high quality of care and treatment.

In accordance with general legislative procedure, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare has referred the matter to all interested agencies in the federal government for comment and recommendation. The official reports from these various agencies have not yet been received and it does not look too likely that there will be action until they are. One thing is clear, however, and that is that the Veterans Administration would be benefitted by having a medical facility located adjacent to Hines Hospital.

I would be free to do as much for any other hospital and it involves no politics.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen