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December 21st, 1965.

Dr. Donald M. Black,
Secretary,
Associated Boards of Health
of British Columbia,
3530 Lakeshore Road,
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear

Thank you very much for your letter of the 11th of December regarding the urgent need for the training of Speech Therapists and Clinical Psychologists.

I have asked the Registrar to place your letter on the agenda of our Senate for early consideration and will be in touch with you again as soon as Senate has considered the matter.

Thank you for bringing these resolutions to our attention and I can assure you they will be given most serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

P. D. McTaggart-Cowan,
President.

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December 11, 1965.

Dr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan,
President and Chairman of Senate,
Simon Fraser University,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Dr. McTaggart-Cowan:

RE: Training of Speech Therapists and
Clinical Psychologists

On behalf of the Associated Boards of Health of British Columbia, I would bring to the attention of the Senate two resolutions which were passed at our Annual Meeting in October 1965. These resolutions have already been brought to the attention of the Honourable Eric Martin, Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance and to the attention of the Honourable Leslie Peterson, Minister of Education.

The resolutions read as follows:

SPEECH THERAPY

WHEREAS speech therapy services are almost unavailable throughout British Columbia, and

WHEREAS speech therapists are urgently required to fill a very important gap in our total Mental Health program, and

WHEREAS this shortage is due to British Columbia's dependence on graduates of Eastern Canadian Universities and of Universities in the United States of America and the British Commonwealth,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Union Boards of Health of British Columbia urge the Province of British Columbia and the Universities of British Columbia to immediately establish facilities for the training of Speech Therapists.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

WHEREAS no graduate program for the training of clinical psychologists now exists in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS only two of the four established regional Mental Health Clinics have the essential help of a clinical psychologist, and

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WHEREAS present salary schedules are failing to attract psychologists to British Columbia,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Union Boards of Health urge the Provincial Government to reclassify the position of psychologist in the Civil Service Pay Schedule to attract psychologists and, further, that we urge the Province of British Columbia to support a graduate training program at one of the British Columbia Universities so that clinical psychologists may be completely trained in British Columbia.

The Associated Boards of Health of British Columbia represents all the Boards of Health in the Province and is composed of a group of men and women vitally interested in the progress of public health. They feel that the present shortage of trained workers in the above two categories is a great detriment and hope that one or other of the Universities may be able, in due course, to establish training courses in these specialties.

These resolutions are also being brought to the attention of the Senates of the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria.

Yours truly,

D. M. Black

Donald M. Black, M.D., D.P.H.,
Secretary

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