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Mrs. Alma Kennemer
130 E. Henderson
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Dear Mrs. Kennemer,

I was given your name and address by Donald Lumpkin who now lives in Houston. As you may know, he is the grandson of Ruby Boyer Brown who lived in Lincoln, Arkansas. Ruby Boyer was the wife of my father, Dr. Herbert L. Boyer, who lived and practiced in Lincoln from 1946 until the time of his death in 1978.

My father graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in 1911. I believe that you have a close relative who was also in that class. I say that because for many years he proudly displayed that class picture in his little office in Lincoln. I have looked at it and studied it on many occasions when he would point out, name, and tell me something about every one in that framed and glass covered class photograph. His own original class picture was lost in a fire in Arkansas in about 1927.

It was while practicing in Lincoln that, through Lee Lumpkin, he came to know your family in Overton when he and Ruby would visit them. It was then that he was loaned the class picture of your relative (father?), which hung in his office until he retired, and it was returned to your family.

For a long time I have thought about contacting you and your family to see if perhaps, I could get a copy of that class photograph. At this point in my letter, I must tell you of other developments within the last three years.

After my father's death, and Ruby's death in about 1986, their house-office-clinic in Lincoln was willed to me, to my brother, Bill Boyer of Dallas, and to Ruby's grandson, Donald Lee Lumpkin, of Houston. At that time I expressed to them my interest in establishing a Country Doctor Museum to be called, The Arkansas Country Doctor Museum in Lincoln. To give you more detail, I'm enclosing newspaper clippings of recent date, which summarize how far along we are in planning and development. At this stage of

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development we have an official board of trustees and are well along on our way of having a fully developed museum. The board of trustees is made up of a number of leading citizens and community leaders of Lincoln and West Washington Counties. We would like to have an official opening in October of 1994.

For my part, I have donated the building, the office equipment and the house furnishings, as well as a significant amount of money, which will help to get the museum started. Again, a careful review of the newspaper articles will tell you of the history of the development of the museum, as well as the purpose and goals, which have been set forth.

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There will be arrangements to accept donations of artifacts and items of medical interest for display, in addition to what we already have on hand. It will be such things as old medical instruments, medical books, microscopes, medical bags used by the doctors of those days, medical records, and finally, old photographs. For example, I have in my possession class pictures, laboratory scenes, and group pictures of the medical department football team, taken out in front of the old medical school building in the years from 1907 to 1911. The one picture which I do not have is the formal class picture with all of the seniors in their caps and gowns. It would be the most important.

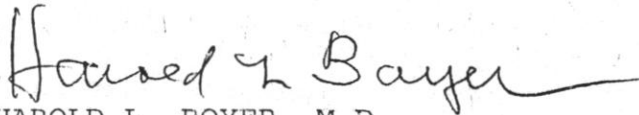
This brings me to the most important reason for my writing to you. Would you consider donating or loaning the class picture which hung in my father's office so many years until it was returned to you and your family after his death? The picture would be well secured and protected as an important artifact in the museum. It goes without saying that you and your family would be given full and complete acknowledgement of your gifting or loan.

Finally, I am sending a copy of a publication concerning another highly successful museum along the same order in Bailey, North Carolina. It was started by another physician friend of mine in honor of her father and other country physicians of North Carolina. She has been of great assistance to us in giving of advice and written materials, which will be used in the museum in Lincoln. I believe you will find the booklet of great interest and full of information along the lines that I have described in part to you about our own plans and hopes.

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I will look forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold L. Boyer". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

HAROLD L. BOYER, M.D.

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