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#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

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> FOIPA Request No.: 1372517-001 Subject: FISHBEIN, MORRIS, MD

#### Dear Mr. Greenewald:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the FBI, enclosed are processed documents responsive to your request.

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section Records Management Division

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Form No. 1 This case originated at

PORTLAND, OREGON

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PORTLAND, OREGON 7/22/48 6/9,15,16,29,30 NORMAN B. BELFREY

OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

OREGON PHYSICIANS SERVICE

OREGON PHYSICIANS SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Constitution and by-laws of Lane County and Coos and Curry Counties Medical Societies obtained. Louglas County Medical Society has no minutes or constitution and by-laws available. Clatsop County Medical Society cannot locate minutes. Minutes ical Society reveal Society action caused Loctors to discontinuous ospital association but OPS and shows insured patients required

of Lane County Medical Society reveal Society action caused Loctors to discontinue contact with any hospital association but OPS and shows insured patients required to deal directly with Doctors. Doctors at Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and Astoria have refused to accept tickets and payments from hospital associations other than OPS. Hinutes of Coos and Curry counties Medical Society reviewed. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Hospital Ausociation has experienced some resistance from Medical Society but no direct pressure. MAC NAUGHTON letter reflects Blue Cross and multnomah County Medical Service Bureau tried to cooperate but failed. Blue bross intends to be competitor. No indication that Medical Society exerted influence in the Seaside, Oregon, trial. Lr. MORRIS FISHBEIM recommended in a general way in a speech 7/1/36 that loctors keep out of prepaid medical plans. Staff Doctors have not been refused services of hospitals because of contract practice but new Loctors whould have difficulty in being admitted to most hospital staffs if they are connected with an unapproved hospital association. Oregon has no representative on Council of Medical Service. Financial statements of Mational Hospital Association, Prudential Hospital Association and Industrial Hospital Association set forth. TED BEGUIN states he was refused treatment by two Loctors in 1936 because of his membership in National Hospital Association. Medical conties cooperate with State and Federal Agencies in arriving at a fee schedule. regon State Medical Society passed motion to increase life insurance examination less from \$5.00 to \$7.50. Some County Medical Societies have fee schedules. regen State Medical Society makes available group insurance for Doctors. Blue rass and OPS are competitors. Detailed, information obtained regarding interest to maracter of hospital associations,

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## 6. CR. MORRIS FISHBEIN'S SPEECH ON 7/1/36

Dr. BANNER R. BROOKE, President of the Oregon State Medical Society in 1936, 610 S.E. 39th, Portland, Oregon, now retired, recalls the occasion when Dr. MORRIS FISHBEIN made a speech at a Medical Society Meeting on 7/1/36.

Dr. FISHBEIN, on this occasion, spoke without a written speech or notes, and Dr. BROOKE stated that, on the occasion of the meeting, it was planned that a vote be taken with respect to the Multnomah County Health Association with a view to approving or disapproving this organization. This question had been considered at an annual meeting of the Oregon State Medical Society because of the nature of the action. At the Society's annual meeting in December of 1933 a motion was made to withdraw approvel of the Multnomah County Health Association by the Society. Action was postponed on this motion until the meeting in July and it was recommended that the annual meeting of 1935 be considered recessed in order that this question could be taken up sometime before the next annual meeting. Dr. BROOKE stated that Dr. FISHBEIN made his remarks prior to the calling to order of the meeting and he recalled that, before Dr. FISHBEIN talked, he had discussed with him the remarks he in- ... tended to make and, at the time, Dr. LROOKE advised Dr. FISHBEIN that it would be wise not to make a direct attack against the Multnomah County Health Association because of the fact that a vote was being taken that night with a view to approving or disapproving the Multnomah County Health Association. Dr. BROOKE stated that Dr. FISHBEIN talked, in a general way, against regemented medicine and recommended that the Doctors keep out of any prepaid medical plans or hospital associations. Since the time the speech was ade the American Medical Association has changed its mind concerning this question. The AMA now looks favorably toward physician-controlled prepaid medical plans and belief this is the only weepon to fight State medicine. Dr. FISHBEIN referred, in his speech, to hospital associations throughout the country in a general way and his remarks were critical of these associations. As Dr. BROOKE recalled, he dealt on this subject rather lightly because Ir. BROOKE had cautioned him to avoid controversial topics because of the balloting that was to take place at this meeting.

After Dr. FISHBEIN concluded his remarks, he left the hall and proceeded to the airport. It was not until Dr. FISHBFIN left that the meeting came to order. The Medical Society withdrew its approval of the Multnomah County Health Association when a vote was taken at this time. Ir. BROOKE observed that it was his opinion while he was President of the Oregon State Medical Society that it was a violation of the code of medical ethics for a physician to be associated with a prepair medical associations.

The files of the Oregonian newspaper reflected articles, under date of 7/2/36, on Er. MORRIS FISHBFIN'S speech, which was delivered the previous day. According to the newspaper articles, Er. FISHBEIN stated that the American people do not went socialized distribution of medicine and surgery and that Governmental control of these principal necessities would spell degradation and ruin to the medical profession of this country. The speaker also spoke against attempts to organize medicine and surgery under State control. He was quoted as stating that "as soon as commercialism comes between the physician and the patient, there is a loss in efficiency and in professional ethics. The patient's health and life becomes a gamble. I do not believe that the average American wants to submit himself to the degradation to such medicine." The news articles reflected that 200 or more members of the Medical Society were in attendance at the Turnverein Hall, Portland, Oregon.

#### MARTZLOFF REPORT

Will obtain copy of and report on this matter in a subsequent report.

#### E. CONTACT WITH PORTLAND COUNCIL OF HOSPITALS

R. W. NELSON, Manager, Portland Sanitarium, Chairman, Portland Council of Hospitals, advised that he attended a meeting at St. Vincent's Hospital about three years ago. Several Doctors were present, including Dr. GORDON LEITCH, Dr. BLOSSER and Dr. RICHARD ADAMS, the latter two now being deceased. Also in attendance were representatives of practically all the hospitals in Portland. It was Mr. NFLSON's opinion that the Doctors present represented the Medical Society. Mr. NELSON advised that the Doctors urged the hospitals to refuse to admit patients insured by the Commercial companies. The Portland Council of Hospitals' members talked it over and advised the Doctors they could not go along on this program. The Loctors' Committee then wanted the hospitals to treat patients on an individual basis and not treat them under their insurance company, but deal directly with the patients. The hospitals did not agree to this proposal. Mr. NELSON advised that the board of Trustees of his hospital appointed Staff Doctors generally upon the recommendation of the Staff Committee, which is composed of those Doctors on the Hospital Staff. It is the general rule that Doctors must be eligible for membership in the Medical Society to practice in the hospital. As a practical matter, Mr. NELSON does not believe that any hospital in Fortland, with the exception of Good Samaritan, would refuse Staff membership to a Loctor solely because a Doctor was connected with a hospital association. This situation never arose at the Portland Sanatarium Hospitel. Mr. NELSON recalls that St. Vincent's Hospital retained Dr. SABIN on their Staff even though Dr. SABIN resigned from the Medical Society due to his connection with a commercial hospital association. Mr. NELSON believed that in a case where a young Doctor just sting practice would become associated with a summered thoughtel associ