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Dr. Fred W. Rankin
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Dear Rankin:

It is a great pleasure to all of us to know that you were elected president of the American Medical Association. I'm afraid you are going to find it quite a burden, however, but some one like you will be badly needed this coming year, as the hospital situation as to house officers is in a very confused state. The men who should be going into the service are those who have just completed their hospital training or are in the first year or two of practice, but with us almost the entire pressure is on the senior house officers. It is going to be extremely difficult, under the law, to man the whole army with men under thirty-five, who have no dependents.

I had a very nice letter from Coley Johnston recently. Again I wish to say how much I have enjoyed your election to the presidency of the American Medical Association. All of your friends here are very pleased.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur M. Shipley.