

Mr. Walter C. Shields,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Shields:-

If there is any of your medical fund left unexpended on June 30 please do not turn it back to Mr. Loff until hearing from me. There is now left of my medical subauthorization \$38.85. Since Apr. 21 we have had in the hospital a little boy of 10 yrs. who has started pulmonary tuberculosis. His condition is very hopeful if we can keep him in bed for 2-3 months, feed him & make him fat. \$35.00 are needed for his board unless we take long chances on his cure. About ten days ago we commenced feeding a man of about 55 yrs. who has kidney trouble. This man to be relieved very much will need a special diet for a month & a half (45 days). Perhaps longer. \$25.00 for this man's board. It looks as if I might need more than I have left. The \$80. additional that you subauthorized to meet Selawik is not lasting as I expected it would. It may seem wise for me to over-

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Up to the present time I have not heard whether Congress has made the annual appropriation for the Alaska School Service. If Congress has I will feel free to go on with needed medical work during July than I otherwise would, can you let me know on the first boat mail whether you are expecting the usual amount for medical relief, and if Kotzebue can have of it the same as years before.

If you are allowed the same as on former years for medical relief do you suppose you could set aside \$750.00 of it for Kotzebue and vicinity. I feel that I can use that amount to good advantage, & that if I use much less I will not be putting in my time in a way that will amount to the greatest good for the entire Eskimo population in my district. This latter point I will consider more at length in my annual report.

Yours very truly

H. N. T. Nichols, M.D.

P.S. Check of \$75.00 for Lester from Tommy's estate recd. will give it to Lester when he comes back from Sealing Point.

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