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Mary Lasker:
29 Beekman Place
New York City

Jane please type this out for me

Dear Mrs Lasker:

Dr. Gardner of Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital just spoke with me about you. He said, "You are the only one who can spurr the co-ordination of "Cancer Research" and treatment. That is why I am writing you.

My brother, Harvey R. Stall, is a resident of "Hi Lair Manor" in Haverstraw N.Y. He has suffered for years from an undiagnosed case of lymphosarcoma and only eleven months ago was diagnosed as cancer - too late to save his right leg. However, he responded to chemotherapy and had an astounding remission, recovering with remarkable moral stamina & strength at the New York State Rehabilitation & Research Hospital at West Haverstraw. He was so well - we went to visit

(2) my sister in Deerfield Beach Flo. However, although we had intended to stay a month, my Father told me he didn't have enough medication & that the proprietor of the home told him "to minimize on the dose. I am a registered nurse and 50 mgm of cytoxan T.I.D. is a doctor's order & cannot be varied unless by a physician. I was told many doctors are confused by "medicare" legislation and are in a state of uncertainty & confusion hardly helpfull in an health delivery service and especially in "Cancer Cases". My Father had been on intravenous cortisone but the administration of this life saving drug was not given because of perplexity as to who was going to pay for it. This is a serious situation and is a potential threat to any meaningfull breakthrough in the cause & cure of Cancer.

Had to send to the L & H Pharmacy 1062 Lexington Avenue N.Y. 10021 for additional pills which were flown "air mail" to Florida with an additional charge of $.25 then had to pay $29.12 for

(3) 100 tablets of cytoxan. This did not include the Reserpine 50 mg ss T.I.D.

Mr. Gardner, told me you were interested in "Cancer Research" and the only one who could help was you so I presume you have the influence and power to improve the "National Medicare Regulations", which covers this prolonged expensive illness.

The proprietor, Mr Kagan, of Hi Lan Manor, told my father, he did not have "medicare" when he asked for his card when leaving for Florida to cover cost of medicine & emergency examinations. Yet he did have it at N.Y. State Rehabilitation Hospital in West Haverstraw along with medicaid. He is 62 years old and obviously disabled.

Perhaps you could help with your knowledgable connections. Live on $190.00 a month social security at 66 years old. Also have lymphadenopathy and Also under doctor's care. I would like the $30.00 returned

and paid to me by the government's medicare program.

Thanking you, for your co-operation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Lillian M. Steele R.N.