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[battered shoe box]
Tieton, Rt. 1, Box 159
Washington 98947
Jan. 16th 1969

Frank La Cocq Jr. M.D.
Suite 41 - Yakima Medical Center
Yakima, Washington 98902

Dear Doctor La Cocq Jr:

Enclosed please find check
for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) - a pay-
ment on my bill.

at this point it would be hard
to imagine anyone harder up. All
my life we had (my Mother & I)
a health fund of over \$5,000.
In 1960 she passed away after a
series of expensive illnesses -
prior to and during this period
I had had a ^{Rheumatic fever & allergy +} ~~serious~~ health
^{complicated} breakdown - was only getting
back on my feet again when
this current problem came on.
Until 1964 we still had not
touched, my Dad & I, the health
fund, then the Disaster Freeze
hit us particularly hard - killing
(over)

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or damaging heavily all our old bearing trees. (We were luckier than many, our young trees came thru quite well).

Since then ~~we~~ we have had to use up that fund which was my only health insurance. Further we are going thru foreclosure which has my Dad & I ill with worry. We have owned this land since 1905 and unless I can get well enough before April to get my Research pictures and notes in a saleable condition, I figure if I were well it would take roughly 2 years to work it up.

The only other bright spot is an inheritance I am to receive, actually 2, one from my mother's and one from her sister. I should be in London now attending to the affair. If one is there they seem to be more interested in handing one their dues. Guess you know as well as anyone why I'm not there!

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I have waited to contact you until now as I had Mr. Matheson of Memorial Hospital, Credit Manager write to the London Lawyers - He has just heard, it seems it has to go to Court to prove "legality" a legal formality. Time, Time! Yes, I should be there.

Please note, I am also enclosing the answer to the mystery as to just what Dr. H. McCarthy was doing in my room. I was mystified since you or a nurse said a ^{eye, ear, nose} & throat Dr. might drop by. I figured ^{I presumed to meet} that could not be him ^{in event of a visit} ^{him being in Seattle} did not look at or take swabs of those areas. Nor did he even state his reason for being there. He seemed

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 one gets a patient who has had
 such an unfortunate series
 of mis-adventures as I had
 prior to my entering your
 office. Trying to carry on two
 legal affairs - ^{in court} here & in London
 by mail the latter - Rheumatic

5) fevers frequent flareups - after which I
 must go at reduced rate, breaking my
 arms - still not right, slips out at L. elbow.
 For six months I had so much writing
 to do, all long hand, & urgent time wise -
 I didn't even go to bed - did all writing
 in a big chair - if I fell asleep - I slept a
 bit if not I drove myself on - I at some
 time was looking for legal papers in every
 nook & cranny ~~boxes - 1000 of them~~ - my lawyer wanted - I
 still have not found them. The Judge gave
 me more time - Remember I was here
 raging all this time too - Rest I could not
 get - Talk about ~~to there~~ - I was also running
 place at same time & ^{all while trying to} keep my sinuses from
 flaring up - going thru dusty boxes & papers
 & going out in all kinds of weather. Then
 you come along & think I'm a maniac for
 five minutes if cold in the
 if cold air hits sinuses for once
 how serious pictures to - get
 cold & look cold in it. My Dad
 of postad teeth extracted - went out in
 with in five days from it. I'm -
 only dying - water passed away
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 fever - arthritis infection - sales
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