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Henry W. Blackburn, Jr., M. D.
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Blackburn:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of March 31, 1955. I have withheld answering it partially because I had hoped I could offer you a position at this hospital, but for the present there is no possibility that our staff will be increased.

Our department has gradually grown in the past one and one-half years since I have been here so that we do have three section chiefs, in addition to the Chief of Medicine and we hope to expand more. However, there has been a little difficulty in this regard. If any possibilities open up in the future I shall be happy to write you, but I can make you no promises for a job in 1956 at our hospital.

It was interesting to me to receive your letter and to find out how well you have progressed. You have certainly been privileged to work with some excellent men in cardiovascular disease. I do hope that you will be able to work out some way to come to the Northwest for we are certainly happy that we settled here. If there is any further way in which I could help you, please do not hesitate to write me.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance at this time.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. RITZMANN, M. D.
Chief, Cardiology Section

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