

Some letter written to Mr. Stamatis Manassis
Minister of Health

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Mr. George Melas
Minister of Finance
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Minister:

As a Philhellene of very long standing and as a doctor honoris causa of the Universities of Athens and Thessaloniki in 1948, I am writing in behalf of the International Cardiology Foundation, of which I am president, to aid in the establishment and support of the newly planned National Heart Foundation of Greece.

Mr. Albert Bear of New York City, international businessman and chairman of the Lay Committee of the International Cardiology Foundation, and I have recently visited Greece to discuss with the cardiologists, some of the leading business and professional men other than doctors, both Greeks and Greek-Americans, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Phillip Talbot, plans for the establishment of the National Heart Foundation of Greece, which will have as its aim primarily the support of research, training and education in the field of heart diseases, which are a major threat to the health of the inhabitants of your beautiful country. Such a National Foundation in Greece will join with those of other countries, some of which are very new and a few older, to cooperate internationally in efforts to improve our techniques of diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and in research of its causes, so that we may eventually wipe out these diseases in youth and middle age.

There should be two major recipients of such support.

1) Naturally the cardiac laboratories and clinics of the University of Athens, which have just begun their development at the Hippocratic Hospital, need continued support both from the Government and the new Foundation.

2) Equally important is the support of clinical cardiology and the development of research in cardiology in those major hospitals which have taken the leadership in medical science. The chief of these hospitals and one that has been respected for its outstanding world position during the last century and right up to the present, is the Evangelismos Hospital, represented in cardiology by Professor Constantine Sideras, head of the Postgraduate School in Cardiology of that institution. It is very important

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that there should be more than a single leading cardiac institution in Athens. We have found in the U.S.A. that the major reason for the rapid development of medical science in that country has been the stimulating competition between the hospitals and the medical institutions and this should be extremely helpful for the future of cardiology in Greece.

Finally, as a doctor honoris causa of the University of Thessaloniki, I would strongly recommend supporting cardiology for that Institution too, by both the Government and by the new National Heart Foundation of Greece.

Please call on us for anything that Mr. Albert Beer of New York (1776 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019) and I myself of Boston (264 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. 02116) can do to aid in the development of the Greek Heart Foundation and advising the Ministries of Health and of finance in its support.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. White, M.D.
President

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P.S. Realizing the occasional role that politics still plays even in medical science, my cardiologists associates of the ICF, Mr. Beer and I, do hope that funds will be raised and distributed without prejudice.

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