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The Surgeon General  
U.S. Public Health Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

via: Medical Director Walter G. Nelson  
Medical Officer in charge  
U.S. Public Health Service  
American Embassy  
Paris, France.

Subject: application for commission with  
U.S. Public Health Service.-

Dear Sir:

Accompanying this letter will be found a completed application for a reserve commission in the U.S. Public Health Service. My preference for duty has been given as Austria and Southern Germany.

I would like to apply concomitantly for further training at the end of one year of foreign service, or reserve the right to go on inactive status at that time for independent study. The training programs of interest to me are the new cardiac clinic under Dr. L.L. Terry at Baltimore and the medical department at Staten Island under Dr. A.A. Doerner.

Yours very truly,

Henry W. Blackburn, M.D.  
Resident Physician



FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, Jr.  
American Hospital of Paris  
63 Blvd. Victor Hugo  
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

I am pleased to inform you that the Central Examining Board has considered your application for appointment in the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service and has recommended that you be appointed to the grade of Assistant Surgeon. Processing of your appointment, which involves obtaining approval of the Surgeon General, the Federal Security Administrator and the President, has been initiated and should be completed within two weeks of this date. Please notify this office at once by telegram the earliest date you will be able to depart for active duty.

As soon as your commission has been approved by the President, you will be notified and requested to execute the enclosed Oath of Office in triplicate, before a notary public. All copies of this form should be returned promptly to this office in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. At the same time you should also execute and return the enclosed affidavit "Striking Against the Federal Government". It is important, in order that you may be properly reimbursed for your travel expenses, that you do not commence travel prior to the date on which you are directed to do so. Accordingly, you should not depart for active duty until so directed.

The travel authorization which you will receive will permit you to travel by any type of common carrier or by personal conveyance. After reporting to your first duty station, you will be reimbursed for your travel as indicated in the travel authorization. In addition to reimbursement for your own travel, you will also be entitled to reimbursement for the commercial costs for the transportation of the dependent members of your family, if any, as well as for the shipment of your household effects.

You are requested to submit a statement to this office indicating that you have received small pox and typhoid fever vaccinations within the past three years, and also a statement certifying that to the best of your knowledge and belief you are free from all disease and injury not noted in your record at the time of your physical examination and that you are willing to serve in any climate.

Your compensation as a commissioned officer with out dependents in the grade above referred to, will be \$ 4486.56 per annum, (plus an additional allowance of \$100 monthly in the case of medical and dental officers volunteering and being accepted for extended active duty of one year or more) less a deduction of 6% from the amount of your base pay and longevity for retirement purposes.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Howard Beard*  
J. Howard Beard, Surgeon  
Chief, Recruitment and Commissions  
Section  
Division of Commissioned Officers

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