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Gentlemen:

Please change the letter addressed to Rabbi Tannenbaum, dated Febr. 12, 1986 to this revised one.

When this letter was already completed, new essential material arrived, so page 2a was inserted into that letter. This addition rendered the letter somewhat confusing.

Since then the heroic role of Sakharov and Shcharansky came into the national attention. In the upcoming publicity I intend to use the related published material. I also believe they will benefit from the publicity derived from our project. A skillful writer, public relationship expert, could put these together properly and effectively.

Please see letter from Reverend Bernthal. He was a previous bishop, active on national and international level. He was part of those officials, who commissioned the work of Dr. Kildahl and Dr. Qualben, what we quote extensively in our manuscript. This work ties the Lutherans to our project. I am hopeful, that we will have meaningful support from that church.

Months ago I made an extensive presentation to the Attorney General of Michigan on these issues. They showed great interest and willingness to be helpful. I advised to them inactivity at that time, awaiting the outcome of the efforts by the medical profession. I will reactivate soon this line of activities.

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Cordially!

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Recommended references:

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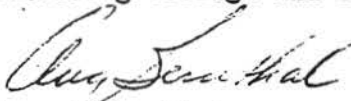
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It's been my conviction for a long time that medical doctors who use the tools that God has given them and who have faith as a specific in their handbag are the most powerful instrument for good in the lives of people. I certainly commend you to that ministry and will be interested in the progress of your writing.

Whenever you get down this way please drop by.

Kindest greetings and best wishes for a meaningful Lent,


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Recommended references:

Religious Totalism: Gentle and Ungentle Persuasion
Under the First Amendment.
Richard Delgado. South California Law Rev. 51:1. 1977.
(About 100 pages. I have a copy of it, received from
the Michigan State Law Library.)

The two Canadian studies:

Prof. Lee - Sectarian Healers and Hypnotherapy. 1970.
(Not available any longer. I have copy of it.)

D. Hill - Study of Mind Development Groups, Sects and
Cults in Ontario. 1980.
(772 pages, with 50 pages bibliography. Numerous Jewish
contributions. Few more copies are still available in
the Government Bookstore, 880 Bay St. Toronto. Ont. (Tel.
416 - 965-2054). @ Canadian \$ 8.50
I also have 5 copies of this book.)

Should you desire, I will be glad to send you any of the
material I have.

Of course: "One of the most important book of our generation":

Friedrich A. Hayek - The Road to Serfdom. 247 pp.
Most likely available in all college libraries.
I have copy of this also.
Condensed form: The Reader's Digest. April 1945. 22 pages.

FRANCIS HORVATH, M. D.

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INTERNAL MEDICINE

Home: 1874 Ridgewood Dr.
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February 12, 1986

Holocaust Memorial Center
6602 W. Maple Rd.
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Gentlemen:

During the discussion with Rabbi Hoffman of East Lansing, Michigan, your organization was mentioned as most likely having interest in this project.

Please review the letter addressed to Rabbi Tannenbaum, and for the understanding of my more than usual interest in issues of tyrannies vs. personal freedom, read the Overview section of the manuscript pp. 17 and 18. Page 18. will be of special interest to you.

To your organization I wish to express this thought: what more proper memorial could be raised to the victims of all tyrannies, than to do whatever we can, and the best we can to prevent the same, or similar tragedies (in different forms and or in different extent) to occur ever again!

Your opinion, advise will be most welcomed.

I would be glad to visit you in Detroit, if you feel it would be beneficial.

Sincerely,

Francis Horvath, M.D.

CC: Rabbi Tannenbaum
New York

Attachments.

For references please feel free to contact any person listed at the end of the letter to Rabbi Tannenbaum.

Note: public information, press release, if it is to be effective, must be directed by person (persons?) with expertise. The goal, the impact, the content, the timing, the possible undesired side-effects must be all considered first, than proceed with skill, tactic, and remain in control in all the time. (This is where we need the most help.)

MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

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November 7, 1985]

Francis Horvath, MD
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Dear Doctor Horvath:

The following is a chronology of activities by the Michigan State Medical Society on your proposal for a committee to study infractions of human rights by fraudulent health practitioners.

1. We discussed with Richard McMurray, MD, the advisability of a resolution calling for an AMA committee, with other entities, directly to the floor of the AMA House of Delegates. We felt it a wiser course to go directly to the AMA Judicial Commission.
2. A letter was executed to Nancy Dickey, MD, Chairman of the Judicial Council with your supporting material. We have not had a response as of yet from Doctor Dickey.
3. In a conversation with John Coury, MD, President-elect of the AMA, he expressed support for seeking action through the Judicial Commission.
4. On your own you have made contacts with members of the American Society of Internal Medicine. Be sure to keep them informed that your "resolution" will not be submitted to the House of Delegates, but seeking separate action through the Judicial Commission.

Have a good vacation, Dr. Horvath. I will be back in the office after the Annual Scientific Meeting, late next week.

Sincerely,



Bruce W. Ambrose
Executive Director

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MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
RESOLUTION

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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Date Received	_____
Resolution No.	_____

Reference Committee:	

Date: October 3, 1985

Introduced by Francis Horvath M.D.

Ingham County Medical Society

TITLE: infractions of human rights by fraudulent health practitioners

(Body of resolution — "whereases and resolves")

- WHEREAS The essential leadership role of the medical profession against quackery was asserted at the time of the establishment of the AMA in 1847 and has been reaffirmed repeatedly since; and
- WHEREAS In June 1985 the House of Delegates of the AMA in a Resolution expressed its "Continued Support of Human Rights and Freedom." Medical ethics are for the protection of these "Human Rights and Freedom", and these ethics "define the essentials of honorable behavior for the physician." (Medical Ethics. AMA); and
- WHEREAS Quackery serves the interests of a certain elite few through exploitation of the susceptibles, vulnerables by ignoring the rules of ethics in healings. The basic Human Rights and Freedom is violated through these so called healings; and
- WHEREAS Quackery is rapidly growing in diversity, in sophistication, in financial strength, and in impact on the society. Their business grew from the estimated yearly 2 billion to 10 billion in the past few years. (2); and
- WHEREAS The religious healings (sectarian healings, hypnotherapy, faith healings) show specially significant gain recently. They are based on strong suggestions, hypnosis through the confusional induction technique produced by the stimulation overload technique. In these practices besides the misleading health claims, the power (danger) of hypnosis without its rules of ethics, must be considered. These practices demand total and uncritical submission to an unquestionable leader, thus they have the potential to create a totalitarian, intolerant system, a "subculture" (Dr. Pattison), or "contraculture" (Yinger). (3,4), (7-8-9-12); and
- WHEREAS When religious healers claim ability to favorably influence, directly or indirectly, the outcome of organic diseases, they engage in the practice of medicine, in which they have no competence, or moral and ethical basis. (11). For the practice of medicine there is license required in all states, from which requirement there is no exemption in general.
A clergyman is exempt from the license requirement only for the practice of psychology until he or she is adhering to the rules of ethics for psychology, and also adheres to the rules of ethics of his or her own faith. (Example: Michigan Public Health Code.) ; and

WHEREAS The medical profession defended the children's basic rights to ethical healings through the action of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association. "Religious Exemptions in Child Abuse Legislation" - Resolution of the AMA. June 1985; and

WHEREAS The AMA (medical profession) should offer the same protection of the rights of the 20-30% highly suggestible, vulnerable segment of our population, who are at present without meaningful legal protection against exploitation through such practices; and

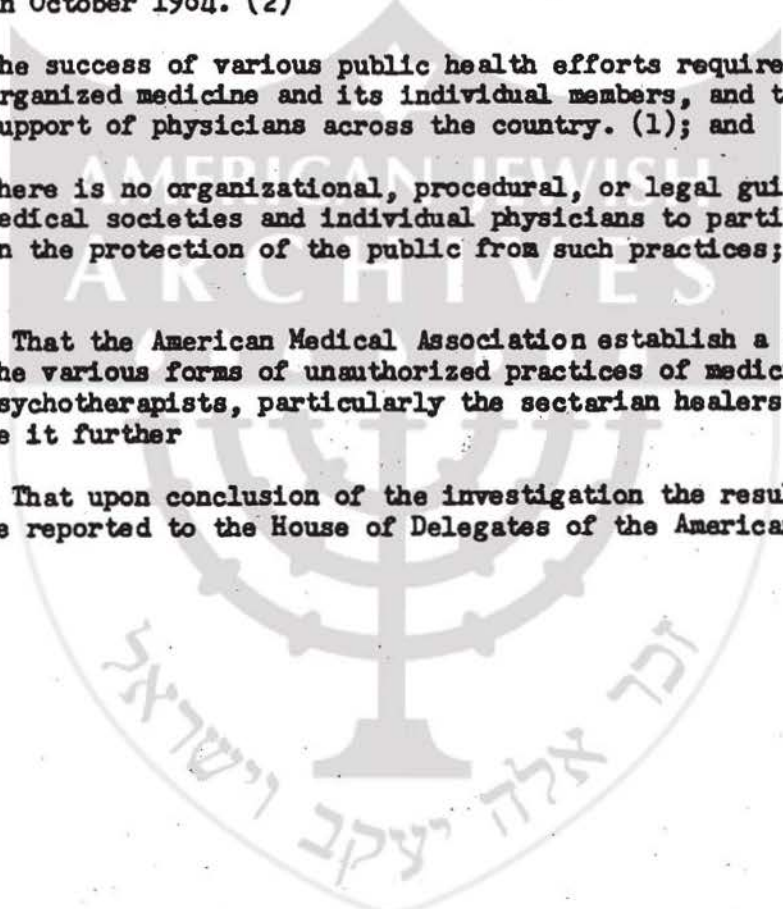
WHEREAS The FDA, and AMA engage in joint efforts against quackery, as announced in October 1984. (2)

The success of various public health efforts require cooperation between organized medicine and its individual members, and the participation and support of physicians across the country. (1); and

WHEREAS There is no organizational, procedural, or legal guidelines for the local medical societies and individual physicians to participate meaningfully in the protection of the public from such practices; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association establish a committee to investigate the various forms of unauthorized practices of medicine by non-professional psychotherapists, particularly the sectarian healers and hypnotherapists, and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon conclusion of the investigation the results and recommendations be reported to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.



REFERENCES:

- 1/ Editorial. American Medical News. Aug.23.1985:
"These efforts thrive through a unique cooperation between organized medicine and its individual members. National, state, county, and specialty societies can serve as leaders, yet the eventual success of various public health efforts requires the participation and support of physicians across the country."
- 2/ American Medical News. Oct.19.1984: "FDA,AMA to cooperate in anti-quackery effort." "...through education, we can help people protect themselves".
"Some "quack" claims can cause serious health effects,...others are indirectly dangerous, because they cause patients to delay or deny appropriate treatment."
"Still others are economic frauds..."
- 3/ Articles from national magazines, press, TV news-transcript.
Example: Time. Dec.4.1978 (Jones town tragedy.) "Cults are apt to become miniature of the great totalitarian systems built on Nazi or Hegelian and Marxist foundations. There are eerie similarities of style: intolerance, paranoia, submission."
- 4/ Faith Healing. Pattison-Lapins-Doerr. The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease. December 1973.
"The primary function of faith healing is not to reduce symptomatology, but to reinforce a magical belief system that is consonant with the subculture of these subjects."
- 5/ Healing: A Doctor in Search of a Miracle. William A.Nolen,M.D. Random House New York. 1974.
"The more I learned of the results of Kathryn Kuhlman's miracle service the more doubtful I became that any good she was doing could possibly outweigh the misery she was causing." (The contemporary faith healers' services are copies of methods perfected by Kathryn Kuhlman and Aimee Semple McPherson.)
- 6/ The Psychology of Speaking in Tongues. Dr.John Kildahl. By grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. Harper & Row 1972.
- 7/ Sectarian Healers and Hypnotherapy. Prof.John A.Lee. A study for the Committee on the Healing Arts of the Province of Ontario. 1970.
- 8/ Study of Mind Development Groups, Sects and Cults in Ontario. Daniel G.Hill, special advisor. A report to the Ontario Government. 1980.
- 9/ Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry/III.Kaplan-Freedman-Sadock.Williams&Wilkins. 1980.
Rules of ethics for the practice of hypnosis: preliminary psychological evaluation, and informed consent.
- 10/ Richard Delgado: Religious Totalism: Gentle and Ungentle Persuasion Under the First Amendment. South Cal.Law Rev. 51:1.1977.
With the support of the Law Departments of the Yale University, of the Univ. of Southern California, and of Washington.

- 11/ "Psychological Correlates of Survival in Advanced Malignant Disease" - Cassileth et al. The New England Journal of Medicine. June 13.1985. pp. 1551 - 5.
"Disease as a Reflection of the Psyche." - Marcia Angell, M.D. The New England Journal of Medicine. June 13.1985.
- 12/ The power of hypnosis, dangers of hypnosis: see references 6-7-8-9. and
Dr. George Matheson - chief of Psychology. Department of Psychology. The Etobicoke General Hospital, Rexdale (Toronto) Ontario.
"Hypnosis can be used to cause an individual to act in abnormal and antisocial ways...it reduces decision-making and increases compliance to coercive suggestions."

Mind-manipulation through strong suggestion, hypnosis has the potential to reduce an individual psychologically to a "child-like dependency" (Psych/III.)

The offence of plagio (psychological reduction), a crime in the Italian Penal Code. (D.Hill. 8/)

Dr. Harold B. Crasilneck - clinical prof. of psychiatry and anesthesiology at the University of Texas. Medical World News. Dec.21.1981.
"...patients with histories of psychosis, masochism, or extreme depression could blow up under hypnosis."
- 13/ Minutes of the September 3, 1985 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ingham County Medical Society: the presented (sectarian healings, hypnotherapy) "concerns were valid, but they are complex and overwhelming to the qualifications of the Society".
The issues were referred to the Medical Director of the Michigan Department of Public Health.
- 14/ Personal experiences, study from 1981 to 1985. Manuscript.
- 15/ Erich Fromm, socio-psychologist, born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1900.
"Escape from Freedom". Avon Books. 1941.
"The usual problems of living have been replaced by a nearly childish existence in which the cult and its leaders supply all rules and all answers. Erich Fromm, in his classic treatise on the rise of Nazism, called this process the "escape from freedom." (Time. December 4.1978.)
- 16/ Morris R. Cohen (1880-1947) American professor of philosophy:
"Cruel persecutions and intolerance are not accidents, but grow out of the very essence of religion, namely, its absolute claims."

RECOMMENDED FOR INVITATION TO BE MEMBERS OF THE AMA COMMITTEE
ON QUACKERY WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SECTARIAN HEALINGS AND
HYPNOTHERAPY: (others are also to be considered)

- 1/ Louis J. West, M.D. and Margaret Thaler Singer, Ph.D. - co-authors of the Cults, Quacks, and Nonprofessional Psychotherapies - chapter in the Kaplan-Freedman-Sadock: Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry/III 1980.
- 2/ Dr. Stanley Cath, Boston psychiatrist quoted as expert by Time magazine in Dec. 4. 1978 issue on cultism (Jones town).
- 3/ Dr. John P. Kildahl, New York psychologist, and Paul A. Qualben, M.D. co-authors, researchers of The Psychology of Speaking in Tongues, by the grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.
- 4/ Dr. Joseph Reyher, East Lansing, Michigan, professor, psychologist, author of articles, and previous government witness on hypnosis.
- 5/ Dr. Harold B. Crasilneck, University of Texas, clinical prof. of psychiatry, author.
- 6/ Prof. John A. Lee, Univ. of Toronto, author of Sectarian Healers and Hypnototherapy, a study for the Committee on Healing Arts of the Province of Ontario. 1970.
- 7/ Daniel G. Hill, special advisor in the Study of Mind Development Groups, Sects and Cults in Ontario. A report to the Ontario Government. 1980.
- 8/ Richard Delgado, J.D. author of Religious Totalism: Gentle and Ungentle Persuasion under the First Amendment.
- 9/ E. Mansell Pattison, M.D. co-author of the article: Faith Healing.
- 10/ William A. Nolen, M.D. - author of the book Healing: A Doctor in Search of a Miracle.
- 11/ Dr. George Matheson, Toronto psychologist, author of articles, special interest in religion and hypnosis.
- 12/ Francis Breen, M.D. Lansing, Michigan, oncologist, expert on hypnosis, previous expert witness for the Vatican in a case of unusual healing.
- 13/ Frank F. Ochberg, M.D. Lansing, Michigan, psychiatrist, expert on mind-manipulation, hostage taking.
- 14/ Francis Horvath, M.D. Lansing, Michigan. author of a study on quackery, sectarian healings, hypnotherapy, report available in manuscript at this time.
- 15/ Representatives of major religious bodies.

(Reference Committee H)

**9. RESOLUTION 133 — MANDATORY SEAT
BELT UTILIZATION LAWS**

Resolution 133 asked the AMA to support mandatory seat belt utilization laws which would not relieve auto manufacturers of their responsibility to install passive restraints, and to oppose the Department of Transportation's administrative regulation which would release auto manufacturers from these laws.

The House of Delegates considered the following Substitute Resolution 133:

Resolved, That the American Medical Association support mandatory seat belt utilization laws which do not simultaneously relieve automobile manufacturers of their responsibility to install passive restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That the AMA inform state societies about the status of mandatory seat belt utilization laws which simultaneously relieve automobile manufacturers of their responsibility to install passive restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That the AMA encourage the U. S. Department of Transportation to reconsider its administrative regulation that would release automobile manufacturers from the responsibility of providing passive restraints when mandatory seat belt utilization for two-thirds of the United States population is attained.

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 133 ADOPTED

**10. RESOLUTION 107 — OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID,
COMMUNISTIC TOTALITARIANISM, ANTI-SEMITISM
AND OTHER SUCH REPREHENSIBLE POLICIES
OF GOVERNMENTS**

Resolution 107 called upon the AMA to express to the World Medical Association its opposition to apartheid, communistic totalitarianism, anti-semitism and other such governmental policies.

The House of Delegates considered the following Substitute Resolution 107, including a change in the title:

(Reference Committee H)

Continued Support of Human Rights and Freedom

Resolved, That the American Medical Association express to the World Medical Association, in a manner it deems most appropriate, its continued support of the dignity of the individual, the importance of human rights and the sanctity of human life, and its opposition to any discrimination based on an individual's color, religious or political beliefs and any other such reprehensible policies.

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 107 ADOPTED
INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE TITLE**

**11. RESOLUTION 58 — HOUSE RULE TO PREVENT VOTING
IMMEDIATELY ON ALL PENDING MATTERS**

Resolution 58 asked that the AMA Procedures of the House of Delegates be revised so that a motion to vote immediately applies only to the motion under consideration at the time.

RESOLUTION 58 NOT ADOPTED

**12. REPORT D OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INSANITY AS A DEFENSE**

Report D of the Board of Trustees informed the House of Delegates of AMA liaison activities with the American Psychiatric Association to explore the possibility of developing a mutually agreeable position on the insanity defense.

REPORT D OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES FILED

**13. REPORT L OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEALTH POLICY AGENDA FOR THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE — STATUS REPORT**

Report L of the Board of Trustees discussed Phase II, the policy development phase, of the Health Policy Agenda of the American People, informing the House that a new brochure is available which provides a summary of the HPA project and includes testimonials on the HPA from legislators, health care professionals, business leaders and consumer representatives.

REPORT L OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES FILED

June 1985.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 107
(A-85)

Introduced by: Herbert A. Holden, M. D.
Delegate, California

Subject: Opposition to Apartheid, Communistic
Totalitarianism, Anti-Semitism and Other
Such Reprehensible Policies of Government

Referred to: Reference Committee H
(Richard J. McMurray, M. D., Chairman)

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- 1 Whereas, The AMA plans to send its representatives to Brussels, Belgium, on October
2 21-25, 1985, for the World Medical Assembly of the World Medical Association (WMA);
3 and
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5 Whereas, The AMA is a national medical association to the WMA and financially sup-
6 ports the WMA; and
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8 Whereas, The Medical Association of South Africa and medical associations from other
9 countries whose governments support reprehensible policies against people in their coun-
10 tries, such as apartheid, communistic totalitarianism and anti-semitism, are also members
11 of the WMA, which is supported by the AMA; and
12
13 Whereas, Members of the AMA do not wish to condone or associate with the South
14 African policy of apartheid and other unjust, morally corrupt and reprehensible policies
15 of other countries of the world; therefore be it
16
17 RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association express to the World Medical
18 Association, in a manner it deems most appropriate, its opposition to apartheid, com-
19 munistic totalitarianism, anti-semitism and other such policies of governments.

Fiscal Note: Within usual Association programs

June 1985.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 100
(A-85)

Introduced by: American Academy of Pediatrics
Subject: Religious Exemptions in Child Abuse Legislation
Referred to: Reference Committee B
(Malcolm O. Scamahorn, M. D., Chairman)

1 Whereas, Child abuse or neglect includes failure to provide medical care, regardless of
2 the religious beliefs of the parent(s) or others responsible for the child; and
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4 Whereas, The responsibility to report or prosecute cases of failure to provide medical
5 care to a child should not vary with the religious beliefs of parents; and
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7 Whereas, Some religions and cults rely exclusively on prayer and/or faith healing for
8 treatment of disease; and
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10 Whereas, Many states have passed "religious immunity" laws, which are exempt from
11 the requirement that failure to provide medical care to sick children be reported or prose-
12 cuted in those cases where the parents' religious beliefs preclude medical treatment; and
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14 Whereas, A religious exemption provision was nearly included in the recently passed
15 National Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, but was withdrawn after vigorous
16 lobbying in Congress by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical
17 Association; therefore be it
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19 RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association examine all state statutes per-
20 taining to child abuse and neglect for "religious immunity" clauses and encourage state
21 medical associations to seek to expunge such clauses where present; and be it further
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23 RESOLVED, That the AMA encourage physicians to continue to advocate that no
24 exception be made to child abuse and neglect laws and regulations, at any level of govern-
25 ment, which would permit failure to provide medical care to a child not to be reported or
26 prosecuted on the basis that the parents' religious beliefs preclude medical treatment.

Fiscal Note: Within usual Association programs

Referred to Board of Trustees



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December 13, 1985

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Francis Horvath, M.D.
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Dear Doctor Horvath:

The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (formerly the Judicial Council) considered the materials you submitted as background for your resolution "that the American Medical Association establish a committee to investigate the various forms of unauthorized practices of medicine by non-professional psychotherapists, particularly the sectarian healers and hypnotherapists" and "That upon conclusion of the investigation the results and recommendations be reported to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association." After careful consideration, the Council determined that it does not have jurisdiction in this matter. The Council commends to you the method of having your state medical society's delegates introducing a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates.

I will return the carton of materials that you sent to us in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Devlin

MMD/z

bcc: Bruce Ambrose, Executive Director
Michigan State Medical Society



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Nancy Dickey, MD
Chairman, Council on Ethical and Judicial
Affairs
American Medical Association
535 North Dearborn Street
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Dear Dr. Dickey:

It has been brought to our attention that the Michigan State Medical Society has requested the Council to review the issues surrounding the fraudulent health practices of occult and sectarian healers. The American Society of Internal Medicine supports this request.

The hazards posed by such practices are of concern to all physicians and the AMA Council on Ethics and Judicial Affairs is an appropriate forum to begin addressing this whole area.

Sincerely,

T. Reginald Harris, MD
President

TRH/be



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Dear Doctor McMurray;

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At the Michigan Society of Internal Medicine Board of Trustees meeting on November 24, 1985, the MSIM adopted a motion to accept Doctor Francis Horvath's Resolution to support the Michigan State Medical Society concerning infractions of human rights by fraudulent health practitioners (see attached).

CAROLINE RICH
Executive Secretary
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East Lansing 48823
517-337-0199

The Michigan Society of Internal Medicine would appreciate having the Resolution presented to the appropriate committees.

Sincerely,

Caroline Rich
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Francis Horvath, M.D., MSIM Board of Trustees
Howard S. Goldberg, M.D., President
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Board of Trustees (Board) meeting on November 24, 1985

Introduced by Francis Horvath, M.D., Regional Trustee

Title: Resolution to support the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) concerning infractions of human rights by fraudulent health practitioners.

Whereas, the American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) concerns itself with medical socio-economic issues, including issues of public health, and of ethics; and

Whereas, the ethics are for the protection of the individual. The ethics in all healings (professional and non-professional) are part of the basic human rights; and

Whereas, the American Medical Association's (AMA) House of Delegates in their resolution in June 1985 expressed their "Continued support of Human Rights and Freedom," and defended the children's right to ethical healings through the resolution of "Religious Exemptions in Child Abuse Legislation"; and

Whereas, the estimated 20-30% highly suggestible, vulnerable segment of our population are without meaningful medical and legal protection against exploitation through mind-manipulations (strong suggestions, hypnosis with or without trance) in their health care by quacks, cults, non-professional psychotherapists, especially by sectarian healers, hypnotherapists; and

Whereas, the study of such practices with their impact on the individual and on the community, prepared by the cooperation of a group of selected physicians and assisted by the local medical community, was found by the Ingham County Medical Society's Executive Committee as expressing "valid concerns," but the issues involved are beyond the scope of any local medical society; and

Whereas, a Resolution concerning such practices was accepted by, and presented by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) to the Judicial Commission

of the AMA; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Board express its support for all those efforts, which are for the extension of the protection to the vulnerable segment of the society, by the medical profession, against infractions of the basic human rights by fraudulent health practitioners, as it was done for the children; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board convey its support to the Michigan State Medical Society for their acceptance and presentation of the Resolution concerning above practitioners, to the Judicial Commission of the AMA; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board request the American Society of Internal Medicine to endorse this "Resolution of support" and forward it to the AMA, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the following be notified of this Resolution of support:

Harrison L. Rogers, Jr., M.D.	President of the AMA
John Coury, M.D.	President-elect of the AMA
T. Reginald Harris, M.D.	President of ASIM
Richard J. McMurray, M.D.	President of MSMS
	Chairman of the Michigan Delegation to the AMA House of Delegates
Nancy Dickey, M.D.	Chairman of the Judicial Commission of the AMA
Thomas C. Payne, M.D.	Member of the Michigan Delegation to the AMA House of Delegates.