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Handwritten initials and signature

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Dear Mr. White:

Mayor Allen referred to me your letter concerning the idea of providing helicopter ambulances for accident victims. Frankly, there is no doubt in my mind that the day will come when this is done.

As I am sure you are aware, the fatality rate per casualty is lower in Vietnam than in any previous conflict of this type. There is no question but that the extensive use of helicopters in providing quick treatment for the wounded accounts for this.

As traffic becomes heavier and heavier, the difficulty of reaching the injured and removing them to the hospital becomes greater and greater.

We have no figures to accurately judge just how many cases there might have been where receiving treatment 10 or 15 minutes sooner might have reduced the degree of injury or prevented a fatality. I would suspect there were a number of such cases. A study such as you suggest would be helpful in establishing the potential advantage of such a service, as well as determining its cost.

My thanks for this suggestion. I hope it might shorten the time until such service is enacted.

Sincerely,

Edmund W. Hughes
Managing Director

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cc: ✓ Mayor Ivan Allen
Mr. J. W. Pinkston
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