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DEDICATION, M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL AND TUMOR INSTITUTE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
OCTOBER 2, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU GOVERNOR SHIVERS—

AND WITH BEST WISHES

TO MY OLD FRIENDS

MRS. JOHNSON AND MRS. CONALLY--

AND MY NEW FRIENDS

DR. CLARK AND DR. RAUSCHER

I CAME TODAY WITH A VERY SIMPLE MESSAGE

TO ALL WHO WORKED TO CREATE AND EXPAND THIS FINE INSTITUTE.

I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

AS ONE OF THOUSANDS OF FORMER CANCER PATIENTS IN THIS COUNTRY,

I KNOW WITHOUT THE PROGRESS MADE AT INSTITUTES LIKE THIS ONE

I WOULD NOT BE ALIVE.

IN THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PATIENT CARE AND RESEARCH,
THE M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL AND TUMOR INSTITUTE HAS COMPILED
AN AMAZING LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

BREAKTHROUGHS IN DRUG DEVELOPMENT, THERAPY, DETECTION TECHNIQUES
AND TREATMENT ADVANCES.

MAKE THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM CANCER CENTER
ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

TODAY THIS INSTITUTE DOUBLES ITS CAPACITY

FOR RESEARCH AND PATIENT CARE,

AND THIS EXPANSION OFFERS EVEN MORE POTENTIAL

FOR ADVANCEMENT AGAINST CANCER.

LAST SUNDAY I CELEBRATED A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY
WHICH GIVES TODAY AN EXTRA PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR ME.

SEPTEMBER 26TH WAS THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY
OF MY SURGERY FOR BREAST CANCER.

I CELEBRATED, BECAUSE I AM HAPPY, HEALTHY AND GRATEFUL
FOR THE CHECKUP THAT FOUND CANCER IN TIME.

IN A FEW WEEKS,

I WILL COMPLETE ^{my} CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS,

AND THAT WILL BE ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR ME.

SINCE THAT FIRST YEAR,

I HAVE NOT TALKED MUCH ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE WITH CANCER. —

But AT THAT TIME MY MASTECTOMY AND DISCUSSION ABOUT IT ^{the} I was pleased

To see it ^{large} PROMPTED A NUMBER OF WOMEN TO GET CHECKUPS. —

IT MADE MY RECUPERATION EASIER TO KNOW THAT I WAS HELPING OTHERS. —

I MAKE THIS PROGRESS REPORT

TO HELP CHEER UP

THOSE WHO MAY HAVE JUST HAD AN OPERATION FOR CANCER

AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO KEEP UP THEIR SPIRITS. —

PART OF THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

IS TO FIGHT THE FEAR THAT ACCOMPANIES THE DISEASE.

THIS INSTITUTE IS MAKING GREAT MEDICAL STRIDES

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And most important

WE CAN ALSO WORK TO SUPPORT FINE FACILITIES

LIKE THOSE WE DEDICATE TODAY. —

ONLY BY THE CONCERN AND COMPASSION OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS

HAS SUCH A LARGE PORTION OF THIS EXPANSION

privately
BEEN FINANCED ~~BY~~.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. R. LEE CLARK,

THIS CENTER IS CERTAINLY ONE

OF WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE CAN BE PROUD. —

And
Those
All over
The world

THE M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL AND TUMOR INSTITUTE

IS A LEADER IN COMPASSION THROUGH CARE TO THE INDIGENT,

SPECIAL CONCERN FOR YOUNG PATIENTS, *like their Christmas* ^{Card} ~~project~~ _{in August}

AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION WITH PATIENTS.

THIS INSTITUTE IS PEOPLE---

THE NURSES AND DOCTORS,

RESEARCHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS---

The Volunteers And
AND OF COURSE THE SUPPORTERS.

Where could we go without them?

ALL OF YOU HAVE A GREAT "HEART"

AND THAT MEANS GREAT "HOPE" FOR ALL YOU HELP.

LET TODAY BE THE BEGINNING

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IN THIS MARCH TOWARD A TRIUMPH OVER CANCER.

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a paragraph
in one page

Dedication, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute,
Houston, Texas, October 2, 1976

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a sentence

I came today with a very simple message to all who worked to create and expand this fine Institute. I want to thank each and every one of you for a job well done.

As one of thousands of former cancer patients in this country, I know without the progress made at Institutes like this one I would not be alive.

In thirty-two years of outstanding patient care and research, the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute has compiled an amazing list of accomplishments. Breakthroughs in drug development, therapy, detection techniques, and treatment advances make the University of Texas System Cancer Center one of the best in the country.

Today this Institute doubles its capacity/for research and patient care/ and this expansion offers even more potential/for advancement against cancer.

Last Sunday I celebrated a special anniversary/which gives today an extra personal significance for me./ September 26th was the second anniversary/of my surgery for breast cancer./ I celebrated, because I am happy, healthy and grateful/for the checkup that found cancer in time./ In a few weeks,/I will complete chemotherapy treatments,/and that will be another milestone for me./

Since that first year, I have not talked much about my experience with cancer. At that time my mastectomy and discussion about it prompted a number of women to get checkups. It made my recuperation easier to know I was helping others. I make this progress report to help cheer up those who may have just had an operation for cancer and to encourage them to keep up their spirits.

Part of the battle against cancer is to fight the fear that accompanies the disease. This Institute is making great medical strides to find causes and cures for the physical ills of cancer. But all of us can help fight the emotional side effects of cancer.

We can all love and support our friends who have cancer.
At last we can speak openly about the disease. We can welcome
back to work and to active lives those who have had treatment.

We can also work to support fine facilities like those we
dedicate today. Only by the concern and compassion of the
people of Texas has such a large portion of this expansion been
financed here. Under the leadership of Dr. R. Lee Clark, this
center is certainly one of which the people of this great state
can be proud.

The M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute is a leader in the medical fight against cancer. It is also a leader in compassion through care to the indigent, special concern for young patients, and understanding of the importance of communication with patients.

This Institute is people—the nurses and doctors, researchers and administrators—and of course the supporters. All of you have a great "heart" and that means great "hope" for all you help.

Let today be the beginning of even greater achievements in this march toward a triumph over cancer.

For immediate release
Wednesday, September 22, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

On October 1st, Mrs. Ford will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, to preview the new Children's Museum building, the largest museum for young people in the world. She will tour the museum in the afternoon and then participate in an open house given by the museum for families who live in the immediate vicinity.

The new museum building will be dedicated October 2nd. The Children's Museum is the third oldest and long considered one of the finest museums for young people in the world. The 215,000 square foot facilities are at the corner of 30th and Meridian Streets in Indianapolis.

On Saturday, October 2nd, Mrs. Ford will dedicate new facilities of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, Texas, at 2:00 p.m. The new facilities will make the Hospital one of the world's largest cancer centers.

The Hospital and Tumor Center is a part of the University of Texas system. The construction, completed at a cost of \$70 million, will double M.D. Anderson's size. Expanded facilities include a 330-bed hospital pavilion, two additional floors of research space, and expanded radiotherapy center, new outpatient clinics capable of handling 1,200 patients a day and the Institution's first chapel. She will be returning to Washington that evening.

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NOTE: A detailed travel schedule will be forthcoming.

Kaye

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-invitation:

EVENT: Dedication of the new facilities at the University of
Texas System Cancer Center

DATE: Saturday, October 2, 1976

TIME: 11:30 a.m.: Brunch
(Shamrock Hotel)
2:00 p.m.: Dedication Ceremony
(Hospital Site)

PLACE: M. D. Anderson Hospital
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas

CONTACTS: Miss Frances Goff (working contact)
Head of Special Projects
O: 713-792-2222
H: 713-668-3800

Mr. Steve Stycks (press contact)
Information Coordinator
713-792-3030

Dr. R. Lee Clark
President
University of Texas System Cancer Center
713-792-3000

Dr. Robert Moreton
Chairman of the Dedication
713-792-3211

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will participate in the dedication of the expanded facilities of the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, which is the key unit of the University of Texas System Cancer Center. The expanded facilities will consist of a 330-bed hospital pavilion, new outpatient clinics capable of handling 1,200 outpatients a day, an expanded radiotherapy center, two additional floors of research space (100,000 square feet), and a chapel--the first chapel the institution has ever had. The construction will have doubled M. D. Anderson's size, making it the largest building in the world devoted solely to cancer research and treatment. An excellent background sheet from HEW is included in the attached file. The PFC is delighted Mrs. Ford will have an opportunity to participate in the dedication of this excellent project. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
William Nicholson
Jerry Jones
Terry O'Donnell
Max Friedersdorf
Steve McConahey
James Connor
James Cavanaugh
Sarah Massengale
Jim Field
Jim Baker
Stu Spencer
Elly Peterson
William Greener III
Jud Summer
Rex Scouten
Staircase

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUSAN PORTER

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON

SUBJECT:

Invitation to participate in the dedication
of a new cancer center at the University
of Texas Medical Center, October 2 in
Houston.

I met with Dr. Lee Clark and regretted this invitation for the President.
He will be in touch with you next week about Mrs. Ford's participation.

cc: Jim Baker - fyi

9/15/76
Spoke w/
Barbara Wise
great per
Texas
Spoke to Pete Russell
(Baker's deputy,
from Houston)
gives it the
highest marks -
should do - 10
times better than
Texas State Fair
event.
good non-partisan
appeal, dealing
w/ high caliber
appeal, friendly
newspapers.
Didn't really do
Houston before



CANCER CENTER

Texas Medical Center

Houston, Texas 77030



R. Lee Clark, M.D.
President

April 30, 1976

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MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER *in file*
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Mr. William W. Nicholson
Director, Scheduling Office
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you for relaying President and Mrs. Ford's message regarding their consideration of our invitation to participate in the dedication of our \$72 million new facilities on October 2, 1976.

Last week, a member of the President's staff phoned us to ask how much of our institution the President might see in 15 minutes during his tour of Texas this week. We later learned that the President would be unable to visit us during his trip to Texas this month.

Nevertheless, we are all hopeful that since the President has indicated an interest in visiting us that he will be able to be the honored speaker at our forthcoming dedication. We are planning a special "Sunday Supplement" for October 3, after our dedication on Saturday, October 2, to be placed in 11 major city papers in Texas with a combined circulation of 2,101,000. It would be our privilege to have a picture of President Ford (with Dr. Rauscher, Director of the NCI, Mr. Robert Mosbacher, Chairman of our Board of Visitors, and me, if desired) run in this Sunday Magazine. The purpose of this Sunday dedication publication is to report to the citizens of Texas and the Southwest, the great addition to their medical armamentarium for the cancer research program.

Again, please deliver our message to the President and Mrs. Ford.

Sincerely,

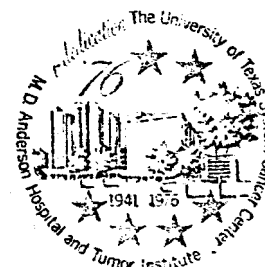
R. Lee Clark
R. Lee Clark, M.D.
President

IN TEXAS:

(713) 792-3000

RLC:dl

M. D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL AND TUMOR INSTITUTE Rehabilitation Center
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President Ford Committee

OFFICE OF THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN

1828 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 250, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 457-6900

March 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL NICHOLSON

FROM:

BOB MOSBACHER

SUBJECT:

M.D. Anderson Hospital

M.D. Anderson Hospital is one of the preeminent cancer centers of the world. Lee Clark, it's president, is one of three men appointed by the President to head the cancer crusade.

I have the honor of serving as Chairman of the Board for this hospital.

I would appreciate your giving this invitation most serious consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment

cc: Dick Cheney

Max M. Fisher
Chairman

Barney Barnett

Loren M. Berry

Winton M. Blount

Mrs. George C. Br

O. C. Carmichael

Albert L. Cole

Edwin D. Dodd

Eugene Kerik Gari

Miss Louise Gore

Harry J. Haskell, Jr.

Donald M. Kendall

Raymond Kravis

Bernard J. Lasker

Gustave L. Levy

William C. Messing

Mrs. Harvey M. Me

Robert Mosbacher

David Packard

Thomas A. Pappas

Taft Schreiber

William W. Scranto

Richard B. Sellars

W. Clement Stone

John Swearingen

Alfred Taubman

David K. Wilson

Gordon Zacks

ACTION

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MAR 17 1976

MESSAGE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

OTHER

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

April 12, 1976

Dear Dr. Clark:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your kind letter inviting him and Mrs. Ford to participate in the dedication of the new facilities at The University of Texas System Cancer Center in Houston on October 2.

The President wants you to know that he and Mrs. Ford are most appreciative of your thoughtfulness in asking them to take part in this important ceremony and that, while their calendar for next Fall cannot be projected this far in advance, careful consideration will be given to your invitation as their schedule for next October is being worked out. Certainly, I will be back in touch with you again just as soon as it is possible.

With our best wishes.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office

R. Lee Clark, M.D.
President
The University of Texas System
Cancer Center
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025

cc and incmg to Mary Widner for Oct. 2 cal. cons.
cc: 2 cys Nancy Gemmell

WWN:MHR:rg

*MR - ple acknowledge &
say we will carry
forward for consideration
on the President's schedule*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

*cc: They were
for the letter
file*

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL NICHOLSON

FROM: SARAH MASSENGALE

I recommend that the President and/or Mrs. Ford attend this dedication if they wish. The invitation is from a member of the President's Cancer Panel and President of the University of Texas System Cancer Center.

See the attached memorandum from HEW for additional information.

Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MAR 25 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE SARAH MASSENGALE

This is in response to your request of March 8 requesting an assessment of the University of Texas System Cancer Center. The President and Mrs. Ford have been invited to participate in the dedication of the new cancer facilities on October 2. The invitation was issued by R. Lee Clark, M. D., President of The University of Texas System Cancer Center, and an original (and continuing) member of the President's Cancer Panel.

The University of Texas System Cancer Center is one of the 17 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States and one of the leading cancer centers in the world. When the National Cancer Act of 1971 was passed, authorizing the establishment of 15 new centers for clinical research, training, and demonstration of advanced diagnostic and treatment methods relating to cancer, the University of Texas System Cancer Center was recognized as already meeting the standards of excellence for such centers.

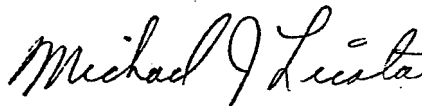
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The work of M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute is almost equally divided between basic research and patient care. Outstanding accomplishments have been achieved in both fields of activity. For example, physicians and scientists at M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute designed and perfected the cobalt-60 radiotherapy unit, which is in use today in more than 1,000 hospitals. They

perfected mammography, a technique for early detection of breast cancer. They were among the first to develop immunotherapy programs and have the largest program in the United States today using the immunotherapeutic agent BCG in the treatment of melanoma, adult leukemia, breast and colon cancers. M. D. Anderson's medical staff is now pioneering in the use of other extracts for immunotherapy.

M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute established the first rehabilitation center in the country devoted to the cancer patient. This is a separate 110-bed facility which opened in 1972. Always conscious of the psychological impact of cancer on patient and family, M. D. Anderson was one of the first hospitals in the country to encourage a parent to stay overnight with a child. Now virtually every youngster treated at M. D. Anderson has a parent with him at all times. M. D. Anderson scientists were among the first in the United States to verify the effectiveness of adriamycin, one of the most effective anticancer drugs yet developed. They also developed new combination chemotherapy for osteogenic sarcoma which has now produced and sustained remissions in 67 percent of patients who have now been followed for two years.

M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute employs a total of more than 3,100 people. There are more than 280 physicians and scientists on its staff as well as approximately 225 residents and fellows. Since patient care began at M. D. Anderson in 1944, the hospital has treated nearly 120,000 patients--from all 254 Texas counties, from all 50 American States, and from numerous foreign nations. Approximately one-third of the patients have been medically indigent Texans receiving free care. At any one time, M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute has research grants and contracts from all sources totalling approximately \$20 million. Current National Cancer Institute support for the University of Texas Cancer Center, in research grants, training awards, and contracts, totals \$15,712,067.


Executive Secretary
to the Department



R. Lee Clark, M.D.
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
CANCER CENTER

Texas Medical Center Houston, Texas 77025



February 13, 1976

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MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is an invitation to you and Mrs. Ford to participate in the dedication of our new cancer facilities at this institution on October 2, 1976. We are more than doubling all of our present facilities at a cost of \$72 million, all but \$10 million of which came from non-federal sources. At that moment of dedication, we will be a comprehensive cancer center equal to any in the world in cancer research, education, and health service (see Appendix for details). We do hope that you will find this to be an appropriate time for you to manifest your personal and presidential interest and dedication to the solution of health problems through research. With your participation as our honored speaker, the event would be a fitting and lasting tribute to the Texas Medical Center, our institution, and the people of the Southwest during this Bicentennial year.

As a member of your President's Cancer Panel, I am dedicated to the solution of the cancer problem at the earliest possible date. Your interest and support are of inestimable help and are essential to the attainment of this goal.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

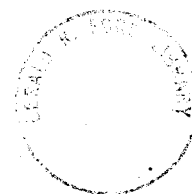
Sincerely,

R. Lee Clark, M.D.
President

RLC:ag

cc: The Honorable John Tower

The Honorable Allan Shivers
Chairman, Board of Regents
The University of Texas System



APPENDIX

M.D. Anderson and Tumor Institute of The University of Texas System Cancer Center is nearing completion of a \$72 million expansion program begun in 1973 which more than doubles our space and permits a marked increase in all aspects of our operation.

- A new 340 bed hospital, enlarging our bed capacity to 600
- A new clinic which will accommodate 1200 patients a day, twice as many as are presently seen daily
- An additional 100,000 square feet of research space
- A Radiation Therapy addition, doubling current space

The new facilities also will better equip us to participate in teaching medical students who rotate through our institution for a portion of their clinical experience, predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows, and residents in clinical medical specialties.

This institution, established in 1941 by the Texas Legislature, has been a leader in providing the best in cancer treatment, research, and education that our present knowledge can provide. Recognized by the National Cancer Institute as one of the three largest of the nation's 17 comprehensive cancer centers, it has also been a major force in implementing the National Cancer Act of 1971 for the Conquest of Cancer. As many cancer patients are seen yearly at our institution as at any other hospital in the United States. Since the beginning of our therapeutic program, private physicians from every Texas county, 49 states, and 27 foreign countries have referred to us more than 112,000 of their patients for consultation, diagnosis and treatment. Much needed rehabilitative treatment is extended to many cancer patients through services of our separate cancer rehabilitation hospital, opened in 1972. This hospital is the nation's first center devoted exclusively to rehabilitation of the cancer patient.

Education and research are two of our major thrusts. Approximately 2600 predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows, clinical residents and fellows in specialty programs have received training here. Our staff and trainees worked with 466 research programs and projects during the last fiscal year. Research animals are bred at our Environmental Science Park and distributed to the various medical units of The University of Texas System. It is planned to conduct numerous research projects on environmental carcinogens at this facility which was initiated in 1967.

facts figures & functions

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute is devoted to the diagnosis, treatment, study and prevention of cancer. Basic research, as well as clinical investigation, is conducted primarily for use in improved patient care.

In late 1972, M. D. Anderson became the flagship for the newly created University of Texas System Cancer Center. An Extramural Programs Division was established as part of the Center to coordinate cancer research at all UT biomedical components across the State. The Division also maintains the UT Environmental Science Park near Smithville.

Over 110,000 patients have been admitted since the hospital opened. Patients have come from all 254 Texas counties, 49 American states and numerous nations. Approximately one-third of them have been medically indigent Texans receiving free care. M. D. Anderson ranks as one of the three major comprehensive cancer research and treatment centers in the Western Hemisphere.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

A state cancer hospital was authorized in 1941 by the act of the 47th Texas legislature and placed under the jurisdiction of The University of Texas System Board of Regents.

Houston's M. D. Anderson Foundation donated temporary housing and matching funds to the new cancer hospital and research center in memory of Monroe D. Anderson, a prominent cotton broker whose will established the foundation. The Anderson Foundation has generously participated in the funding of expanded facilities through the years. However, the cancer center is one of many institutions to which the foundation has contributed and its resources are now heavily committed in many other areas.

Patient care began in 1944 with utilization of converted Army barracks located on an old estate near downtown Houston and 28 leased beds in a local hospital.

In 1946, Dr. R. Lee Clark was named the hospital's first full-time director and surgeon-in-chief. He was designated Anderson's first president in 1968, a post he held until he assumed the presidency of the UT System Cancer Center in 1972. Dr. Clark also serves on the three-member President's Cancer Panel, which is responsible for overseeing implementation of the National Cancer Act of 1971.

The initial Anderson facility in the Texas Medical Center was begun in 1950 and opened in March 1954. The seventh floor on the hospital wing of the main building was expanded in 1958.

Another major expansion, the Gimbel Building and Research Institute, was dedicated in 1969, giving the Anderson complex a total of 580,000 square feet.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM CANCER CENTER
M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute

SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL EVENTS

A few outstanding events in the medical history of M. D. Anderson Hospital include:

- Anderson physicians and scientists designed and perfected the use of the cobalt-60 radiotherapy unit in the United States. Today cobalt-60 teletherapy units, based on this original design, are in use at approximately 1,000 U.S. hospitals.
- A 25-million electron volt linear accelerator began operation at Anderson in 1971. Because of the high energy of the accelerator's photon beam, radiation penetrates more deeply, but produces fewer superficial side effects, for the same end result in treating deep-seated tumors.
- Anderson began a joint cancer treatment program with Texas A & M University's Cyclotron Center in late 1972. Research indicates that "fast neutron" therapy with the cyclotron should be more effective than other types of radiation treatments in treating malignant tumors deficient in oxygen. Preliminary results are promising in more than 300 patients treated with "fast neutron" therapy.
- Virus-like particles were first seen by an Anderson scientist in tissues of patients with leukemia. Subsequently, a team of Anderson virologists succeeded in isolating what is believed to be a cancer virus from human tissue for the first time in 1971. The Type C virus particles were originally obtained from a patient with Burkitt's lymphoma, then grown in a tissue culture.
- An Anderson physician was among the first clinicians in the United States to use tissue adhesives in surgery for non-suture repair of body tissues.
- Anderson scientists perfected mammography, a technique for soft tissue roentgenography of the breast, which is now used routinely at Anderson. Thermography, a technique that measures heat emanating from hidden tumors, is now being used in conjunction with physical examinations and xeromammography, a recent development in breast image recording. These three techniques are used to survey patients for breast cancer at the Breast Cancer Detection Center at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- In mid-1971, molecular biologists and geneticists on the staffs of M. D. Anderson and the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences developed staining procedures that allow precise identification of human chromosomes according to specific banding patterns. These techniques, which enable scientists to recognize and differentiate chromosomes, have allowed investigators to identify chromosomal abnormalities in cancer cells and prove that each type of cancer has its own chromosomal abnormality. The techniques, which are now used worldwide, also are used by scientists to pinpoint the causes of many birth defects.
- In 1969, a group of Anderson scientists was one of the first in the United States to test the effectiveness of adriamycin in treating certain cancers. Since that time, the researchers have found that when this anti-cancer drug is used in combination with other drugs, it achieves even better results in containing breast, bone, lung and stomach cancer, soft tissue sarcoma and leukemia.
- Significant progress recently has been made by Anderson physicians in the treatment of osteogenic sarcoma or bone cancer. In recent studies using intensive combination chemotherapy regimens, as many as 67 percent of patients with osteogenic sarcoma are free of disease after two years. Most physicians feel that patients with osteogenic sarcoma who are free of recurrent disease for this length of time have excellent prospects for being considered cured.
- Treatment with potent anti-cancer drugs frequently reduces a patient's ability to ward off even common infections. Studies conducted by Anderson physicians have shown that patients with certain types of cancer who are placed in sterile environments have a reduced risk of life-threatening infections while they are receiving chemotherapy. It also has been shown that

leukemia patients who stay in sterile environments have improved remission rates and longer durations of survival.

- Anderson physicians were among the first to develop immunotherapy programs for treating cancer. They are studying materials such as BCG, a vaccine developed for prevention of tuberculosis, which retards the spread of cancer by increasing the body's immune response. Although BCG has proved to be highly successful against melanoma, adult leukemia, breast cancer and colon cancer, now Anderson physicians also are exploring additional immunotherapy modalities with extracts such as thymus hormones and bacterial vaccines to increase immunity.

FACILITIES

M. D. Anderson is a 300-bed hospital with outpatient clinics where more than 600 persons are treated daily.

Radiation therapy facilities administer over 200 treatments daily. Radiotherapy equipment includes a 25 MEV linear accelerator, two betatron units (18-million and 25-million electron volts), five cobalt-60 units and a 250-kilovolt unit.

Ten operating rooms are equipped with monitors that transmit data on vital life signs during critical periods of anesthesia and surgery.

Anderson utilizes six laminar airflow rooms and two clear plastic bubbles in which beds are enclosed. Both are types of sterile environments used to protect patients whose treatment for cancer weakens their immunity to common infections, which could result in serious complications.

The Warren S. Bellows Memorial Laboratory, dedicated in 1969, houses the Xenon-133 System, which is used for measuring the human lung's ability to function.

The Robertson Memorial Clinical Laboratories, dedicated in 1972, contain automated equipment for performing a wide variety of biochemical and hematological tests. At the heart of the million-dollar system is a series of computers, which analyze test results, then sort them for use in research studies.

M. D. Anderson's Rehabilitation Center — the first of its kind in the United States — offers complete physical, psychological, social and vocational services to recovering cancer patients. The 110-bed facility is housed in the former Southern Pacific Railway hospital, donated to the University in 1968. Following a \$2,000,000 renovation, the center opened in 1972.

The Anderson Mayfair, located across Holcombe Boulevard from the hospital, is a patient-care apartment hotel operated by Anderson Hospital. Guests may register there for admission to the Anderson clinic and many of their initial diagnostic tests can be given at the hotel.

A \$60,000,000 expansion project is currently under way which will more than double the size of existing Anderson facilities. When it is completed in late 1976, the complex will include:

- The 14-floor Lutheran Hospital Pavilion providing 330 additional beds. Nine floors each contain 32 private rooms which surround triangular nursing stations to allow constant monitoring of every patient by the nursing staff. A newly engineered Enviro-Care unit surrounds the forward section of every patient's bed. The unit, specially designed for Anderson Hospital and since used by other institutions, makes special light adjustments possible and includes a swing-away bedside cabinet that lets the patient communicate with the nursing staff and operate the radio and television from his bed. The two top floors will house the Clinical Research Center. This area serves as the institution's main facility for observation and testing of new findings important to better patient care. The center includes 20 individual laminar airflow rooms, where patients who may be especially susceptible to infections during treatment can be housed in a protected sterile environment.

- A 12-floor Clinic Building which will house outpatient areas capable of accommodating 1,200 persons daily. Facilities are being provided for diagnostic procedures, outpatient surgery, nuclear medicine, pediatrics and clinical chemistry. Also included are specialty areas organized according to the site of disease, such as maxillofacial therapy, orthopedics, neurology and gynecology. For the first time conference and class rooms will provide adequate space for medical and dental education.
- Expanded radiation therapy facilities that will add 23,500 square feet to Anderson's Radiotherapy Center. New equipment will include two simulators, used to reproduce the treatment field, as well as two additional 6 MEV linear accelerators.
- The 6th and 7th floors which will be added to the existing Research Institute, Gimbel wing and center core area of the hospital. Research and laboratory space will be provided for areas such as pediatric research, biochemistry, developmental therapeutics, virology and immunology. The two floors will add 100,000 square feet to the present Anderson facilities.
- A non-denominational chapel where counseling will be available to patients and their families. The chapel will house Anderson's Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education. Within the chapel building are a small sanctuary designed around a center altar, a meditation area, six chaplain's offices, conference areas for family counseling, and workroom and offices for volunteers.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Some 220 residents and pre- and postdoctoral fellows are currently in training at M. D. Anderson. The hospital offers a variety of medical, dental and college student traineeships and a summer program in biomedical sciences for high school students.

Allied health professional training is conducted in blood bank technology, medical technology, exfoliative cytology, histology, inhalation therapy, x-ray technology, pharmacy, nursing, medical social service, dietetic services and cancer record registry.

The Research Medical Library subscribes to more than 1,021 periodicals and contains some 55,661 volumes, including departmental collections, in basic sciences and on diagnosis and treatment of neoplastic disease. The library also houses the Leland Clayton Barbee History of Cancer Collection.

The Department of Medical Communication aids educational programs and surgical and clinical documentation with still photography, television, motion pictures and art. Approximately 600,000 items are catalogued in the audio-visual library.

Two annual education programs sponsored by Anderson Hospital have gained international prominence: the Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research, established in 1946 to help scientists exchange information and discuss common problems in cancer research, and the Clinical Conference, begun in 1956 to provide physicians with current information on cancer of a specific type or site.

With the National Academy of Sciences, M. D. Anderson hosted the 10th International Cancer Congress of the International Union Against Cancer. More than 6,000 physicians and scientists from 72 nations gathered in Houston for the week-long session in May, 1970.

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Dedication, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxx~~ Institute, Houston, Texas, October 2, 1976

I came today with a very simple message to all of you who have built and sustained this fine Institute: thank you. As one of the thousands of cancer patients in this country, I know that without the dedication and skills of people like you I would not be alive.

Last Sunday I celebrated a special anniversary which gives today an extra significance for me. It was the second anniversary of surgery for breast cancer. And I did celebrate, because I am happy, healthy and very grateful for the checkup that found cancer in time. In a few weeks, the ~~x xxx~~ chemotherapy will be completed, and I will pass still another checkpoint.

I have not talked ~~xx~~ very much about my experience with cancer since ^{that} the first year. My operation did prompt a number of women to get checkups, and it made my own progress easier to think I was helping others. ~~x~~ This progress report ~~is~~ ^{help cheer up} is to ~~xxxxxx~~ say to those who ^{may} have just had cancer operation - (bridge about had with cancer to have hope. & great effort)

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has pioneered in treatment and made many breakthroughs in looking for the causes of treatment. These new facilities will double the capacity for service.

But as the University of Texas System Cancer Center and the other special centers around the Nation fight the medical battle against cancer, all of us can help fight the fear that accompanies this disease. The very diagnosis of cancer often wounds the spirit as severely as the disease does the body.

We can all give love and support to our friends who have cancer. We can speak openly about this disease and we can welcome back to work and to active lives those who have had treatment.

Not all of us have the medical skills to cure the body, but we can work to support ~~finan~~ fine facilities like those we dedicate today. It is a measure of the concern of the ~~the~~ people of Texas that ~~this facility was~~ \$7 \$62 million dollars ~~to~~ to finance this expansion without Federal help. The ~~superior~~ care that this facility has given to ~~these~~ the ~~with~~ the needy----the special concern for dealing with the psychological aspects of this disease---indeed the long list of achievements make this ~~dedic~~ dedication special for all Americans.

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The wonderful work of the doctors, nurses, ~~researchers~~
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Let today be the beginning of even greater achievements---
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Today this Institute doubles its capacity for research and patient care, and this expansion offers even more potential for advancement against cancer.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will dedicate new facilities of the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston Saturday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. The new facilities will make the Hospital one of the world's largest cancer centers.

The Hospital and Tumor Center is a part of the University of Texas system. The construction, completed at a cost of \$70 million, will double M. D. Anderson's size. Expanded facilities include a 330-bed hospital pavilion, two additional floors of research space, an expanded radiotherapy center, new outpatient clinics capable of handling 1,200 patients a day and the Institution's first chapel.

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