

WAR DEPARTMENT
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON

2 August 1944.

Honorable Theodore G. Bilbo,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I am in receipt of your letter of 31 July 1944, with inclosure from the Honorable A. B. Friend of *Quote* Sardis, Mississippi.

Unfortunately, I am unable at this time to give you any definite commitment regarding future disposition of the hospital located within the Como Prisoner of War Camp. It will undoubtedly be in active use until such time after the cessation of hostilities, when all prisoners incarcerated therein have been exchanged, or unless the War Department decides to transfer the camp elsewhere before that date.

Under the circumstances it would seem best that the local people, who have indicated their desire that the hospital be retained for local usage after the war, notify the Surplus Property Office in the War Department that such is their desire and that their request be given due consideration before decision is made regarding other means of disposal.

There is no indicated need for the retention of this hospital by the Medical Department of the Army when the camp, which it serves, has been evacuated and declared surplus.

Enclosure to your letter is returned as requested.

Very sincerely yours,

N. T. Kirk
NORMAN T. KIRK,

Major General, U. S. Army,
The Surgeon General.

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