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The Chairman of the Commission
Commission of Enquiry
CORONATION/J.G. STRIJDOM HOSPITALS
ATTENTION: DR F. VAN DER MERWE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS

To be in accordance with the spirit of the agreements reached at the final
plenary meeting of the committee on 1993 11 08 the following alterations
are essential.

Paragraph 3.5.2 should read :-

Coronation Hospital should largely function as a 350 bed, essentially /
J level 1, with a level 2 component, hospital with a 24 hour general
walk in Casualty and a Family Medicine facility.

In the same paragraph level 1 should be defined as:-

Beds provide for general care, with specialist permanent component, in
Medicine, Surgery, Orthopaedics, Midwifery and Gynaecology, Paediatrics
and Family Medicine.

Paragraph 3.9 :-

Gastro/Enterology to be negotiated - "J.G- Strijdom" to be deleted.

Paragraph 4:-

"Once the above is implemented as a Chief Regional Hospital" this
paragraph differs from the spirit of the agreement and is consequently
unacceptable for the following reasons:

Coronation Hospital Board as well as its management successfully refused
that their hospital being downgraded to a Community Hospital. It was
unanimously agreed by the Commission that Coronation would be a Regional
Hospital and could motivate to the Director of Hospital Services to be
a Chief Regional Hospital and nothing less.

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Further to the above comment if this proposal were carried out the better equipped (including the C.T. Scanner) Community Coronation Hospital would have to transfer large amount of equipment to the lesser equipped Chief Regional J.G. Strijdom Hospital. In principle this was only acceptable to Coronation Hospital for high tech equipments used by specialties which would not be any more represented at Coronation hospital- Consequently the word "Community" in Community/Regional Hospital has to be deleted- It must be emphasized that it was unambiguously agreed that Coronation will be a level 1 - 2 hospital and J.G- Strijdom Hospital a level 2 - 3 hospital, which is obviously not reflected in the paragraph. Paragraph 4:-

It is to be noted that the suggested bed allocation per discipline for Coronation Hospital does not consider the hospital management proposal and is consequently totally impracticable on all grounds. The Superintendent's suggestion should rather be put forward in the final document.

Paragraph 5.1 should read:-

/... Coronation Hospital should have 70 posts and 18 intern posts/... "and between 1Q and " to be deleted. This is in accordance with Dr P.Meniere's staff establishment proposal.

Paragraph 5.1.4:-

The comment "because there is little discipline that is enforced by the Medical Superintendents , which sounds like a reprimand to the Sgarhhsndzm's is unfair and should be amended because the authority of supervision of the doctors had be granted publically by Dr van den Berg to the Head of Departments, at the begining of the rationalisation process. It is therefore suggested to read "that is enforced by the Heads of Departments".

Paragraph 8.1 :-

"Community" in Community/Regional Hospital to be deleted.

Paragraph 8.1.3:-

The involvement of the University Department of Family Health was favourably considered by the Commission but with the conditions of a successful agreement between management and Professor Sparks. In conclusion his involvement is desirable but not yet certain. %

Paragraph 8.1.4:-

"Depending on the circumstances" must be deleted. The teaching function of Coronation may not be questioned or subject to circumstances. This was clearly indicated by our Board.

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The above amendments are vital to fullfil the Coronation Hospital Board mandate which was given to me. They are in the spirit of our long negotiations. If they were not taken into aceount it would amount to a downgrading of Coronation Hospital, phrased in almxe subtle way than the interim report; this would be an unacceptable proposition.

Yours faithfully

MR H. THOMAS

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY MEMBER

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