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## Pennington to Hoover, January 22, 1948

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January 22, 1948.

Herbert Hoover,  
The Towers,  
Waldorf-Astoria,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friend:--

I have been asked to write to you in the hope of interesting you in the Newberg Community Hospital project. I have hesitated to do it, knowing something of the many other interests which demand your attention, but because of my acquaintance with you the request was made that I write to you.

That Newberg needs a hospital is clear to everybody. The Junior Chamber of Commerce has accepted the major share of the leadership of the campaign. The charter has the complete approval of the State Medical Association. It is purely on a charitable basis, with no stocks, bonds, dividends, or profit to anybody. It is to cost \$300,000.00, \$250,000.00 for the building and \$50,000.00 for equipment. It is to be located on a seven acre tract just across the canyon east of the college, right at the edge of town, for that part of Newberg is building up rapidly, but with plenty of room for lovely grounds and for expansion in the future.

If you are in position to make any contribution to this much needed improvement for the city, it will be greatly appreciated, and by no one more than myself. And if you felt like suggesting a contribution from your sons, that would be a fine and a generous thing for you to do. If they gave, I know it would be in your honor, for they themselves, so far as I know, have never even seen the town which has for one of its chief claims to distinction the fact that you were once a resident here.

I suppose that you are kept informed as to the progress in connection with the Hoover House. I am not too well informed myself. The place to the north of it has been purchased, and will ultimately be occupied by the caretaker for the property. At present it is occupied by Emmett W. Guiley and his family. You met him, I am sure, and he has done more than anybody else in the way of active solicitation for the fund which we hope to build up to make the place what it ought to be.

With best wishes I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.