

September 26, 1967

Dr. Carl C. Rasche
Deaconess Hospital
6150 Oakland Ave
St. Louis, MO. 63139

Dear Dr. Rasche

Enclosed is a photograph (quite unretouched). My curriculum vitae which was supposed to be included in my earlier correspondence indicates my background. The answer of course is yes to both paragraphs under A and B. My ambition is to combine a good educational and research program. After my academic career at Minnesota, I did gain insight as surgeon in Amarillo into practice of surgery. Amarillo is an ambitious community, but it will need another 5-10 years before it truly will be able to embark on an effective teaching research - clinical program, which is my greater ambition.

I am not bound by any agreements, etc., and thus I am a free agent as to assuming a position. I of course do not know your institution and I am sure that in the case of serious negotiation you may want to look at me, and I look at you. I would be interested to know about your general plans, research facility, fiscal soundness, etc. If interested I would be very glad to present a lecture on a topic including historical - surgical, educational (such as surgical training throughout the centuries), or clinical topics, (such as coronary angiography and myocardial revascularization, etc.).

I do believe that institutions will progress more rapidly with full time directors and this impression I gained having my two years in private surgical practice. Your institution appears to me to be an interesting challenge.

Sincerely

KBA:bc

Karel B. Absolon, M.D.

Enc: