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House of Representatives

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Dr. Stephen A. Barrett
824 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Barrett:

Please excuse the delay in responding to your telephone inquiries to our Bethlehem office regarding the status of several matters relating to chiropractic.

Unfortunately, because several members of our staff have been hospitalized recently it was not possible to respond earlier.

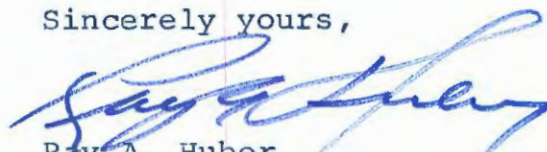
We have explored further with the FTC and the American Law Division of the Library of Congress the extent of the FTC's authority to regulate advertising such as that which chiropractors in the Lehigh Valley and other areas have inserted in newspapers. The American Law Division has concurred with the FTC that authority does not now exist for the FTC to control such advertising.

The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, of which Congressman Rooney is a member, currently is working on legislation which would broaden the FTC's authority from these business activities conducted solely "in" interstate commerce to include activities "in or affecting" interstate commerce. It is believed that broadening of authority would provide basis for FTC examination of chiropractic advertising practices.

In regard to Veterans Administration policy toward chiropractic, because of an extremely heavy workload and staffing limitations, we have been unable to conclude the study that was begun last spring on a time-available basis. We hope to get back to that study within the next few weeks with the help of a volunteer from a Washington university.

Congressman Rooney asked me to assure you that as soon as we can prepare additional information, we will advise you of it.

Sincerely yours,



Ray A. Huber
Administrative Assistant