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Mr. W. J. Yotter
Leoti, Kansas

Dear Mr. Yotter:

Thanks for your letter of September 7, outlining your reasons for opposing the proposed Medicare bill passed by the Senate recently.

I merely wish to assure you my position on this issue has not changed in the least, and if the Social Security bill with the attached Medicare proposal comes to the House Floor for a vote, it will certainly receive my most violent opposition.

As you indicated, this would surely be a "foot in the door" and am convinced it would only be a matter of time before we would witness full-scale socialized medicine in this country.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE, M.C.

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W. J. Yotter
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Sept. 7, 1964

Hon. Bob Dole,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Social Security Bill - 11865

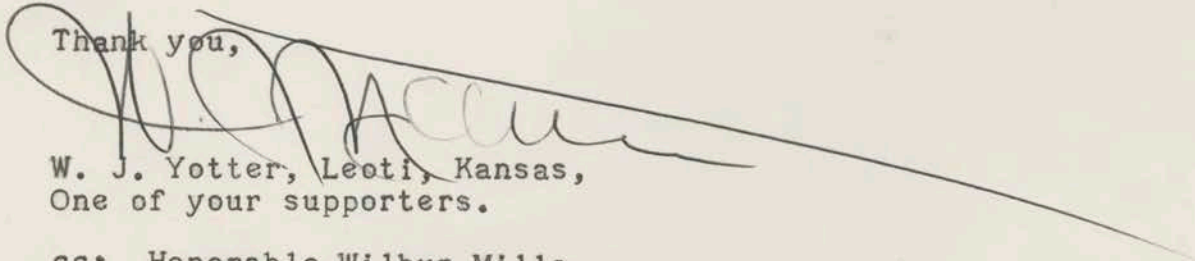
While I am sure that you are aware of all of the sound reasons why this socialistic legislation is completely undesirable, let me remind you that:

1. Medicare benefits are not necessary, since the Kerr-Mills bill and Old age Assistance, and other private programs have already provided for them.
2. Voluntary health insurance is doing the job.
3. Medicare benefits under social security would be fantastically expensive.
4. By adding medicare to the social security system, the already enacted benefits would be jeopardised.
5. Medicare would inevitably lead to the socialization of the practice of medicine.

Please recall that former Congressman Forand once said, "If we can only break thru and get our foot in the door, then we can expand the program after that." The Senate bill is the "foot in the door."

Needless to say, I am against this bill, and urge to fight the thing.

Thank you,



W. J. Yotter, Leoti, Kansas,
One of your supporters.

cc: Honorable Wilbur Mills,
Chairman of the House Ways and Means Comm.,
Home Office Building,
Washington, D. C.