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Commission for Blacks
416 Alumni Hall

August 7, 1984

TO: Dr. Harold Peterson, Director, Hearing and Speech Center
FROM: Margaret P. Hartsell, *Margaret P. Hartsell* Research Associate, Commission for Blacks
RE: Additional Information Concerning Services of Hearing and Speech Center

We appreciate the information concerning the functions of the Hearing and Speech Center which you have submitted to the commission; nevertheless in order to complete our study, we find it necessary to ask two additional questions:

1. Do patients pay any portion of the cost of the services of the center or is, the cost underwritten by a fund?
2. What caliber of speech problem - social or physical - is most prevalent among your patients?

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To: Margaret P. Hartsell,
Research Associate

From: H A Peterson

In answer to the above questions:

- #1. Clients services may be paid for by a variety of agencies - such as Vocational Rehabilitation; by Medicare, where covered; by some private insurance; and by the clients personally - according to the ability to pay.

University students do not pay for services.

- #2. Speech, language, hearing disorders may be at the base of social, that is, interactive communication problems - but social problems do not cause speech, language or hearing disorders. Enclosed is a table of examples of some of the variety of speech, language and hearing problems. (Reproduced from an article on prevention in the August 1984 issue of Asha.)