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In The Matter Of
HOMER Q. APPLEBY, M.D.

NOTICE OF
SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSURE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

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TO: Homer Q. Appleby, M.D.
8786 Goodwood Boulevard
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The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") is in receipt of apparently reliable medical information and opinions indicating that you have for some time been and are now suffering from chronic alcoholism which has materially impaired your competence and capacity to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Such information, if proven, may provide cause under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1261-91, for the suspension or revocation of your license to practice medicine in

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the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate. Accordingly,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby charged with "[h]abitual or recurring drunkenness . . . ," R.S. 37:1285(4), and "[i]nability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of mental illness or deficiency; physical illness . . . ; and/or excessive use or abuse of . . . alcohol . . . ," R.S. 37:1285(25). Based on the nature of the violations alleged, together with the apparent reliability of the information presented, the Board has concluded that immediate, emergency action is necessary and imperative to safeguard the public health, welfare and safety. Accordingly,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the authority vested in it by R.S. 37:1285 and R.S. 49:961C, the Board has summarily suspended your license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana pending formal proceedings for revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action. You are advised that, upon your receipt of this notice, you have no right or entitlement to practice medicine in any form in this state until such time as your privileges are reinstated by the Board.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a formal evidentiary hearing will be convened before the Board at 10:00 a.m., on the 15th day of December, 1983, at the Board's offices, Suite 100, 830 Union Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, to adjudicate the hereinabove alleged violations and to determine whether just cause exists for the revocation of your license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana or for other disciplinary action as provided for by R.S. 37:1285. The hearing is intended to provide you with an opportunity of testing the validity and/or accuracy of the information set forth and to present relevant evidence in your defense. You are therefore invited to attend and participate as you see fit, either personally or through the services of legal counsel of your choice.

Should you desire the Board to issue any subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or for production of documents on your behalf in accordance with R.S. 49:965(5), please so notify the Board as soon as possible. Please also notify the Board as to whether you will attend the hearing and the name and address of your legal counsel, if any.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 1st day of November, 1983.

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By:

J. Morgan Lyons M.D.
J. MORGAN LYONS, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mrs. Delmar Rorison, Executive Assistant
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Date 10/1/83

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Date 4-15-85