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Dear Ralph:-

Now that you have your invitation to come out and visit, start arranging your affairs to do it.

Bill Hutchinson who is on the council of the Calif State Society just phoned me that you were invited with expenses paid, to address the general session of the Calif State Meeting and you should do it. I dont know the date but you will. I think the meeting is at San Francisco for which I am sorry, as it costs me much to go there, but where ever it is, you should play.

Let me hear from you. There are several things that you could do. I think the fare to San Francisco via Los Angeles is the same as direct. Better look that up. You could bring your wife and family or your wife alone, if you are short of money, leave her here, and you and I hit the meeting, and come back together. Or of you have a lot of time, you could drive out. Possibly your honorarium would cover your traveling expenses. I dont know.

At any rate get busy and accept, and then dope out a program.

I have more respect for our state society than I did have. It had never occurred to me that they would pay anybody's expenses to their meeting. I thought all poor dub MDs had to pay their own way. I had nothing to do with your invitation. Bill Hutch- W.W.Hutchinson put it across, and it is the first time that they have ever paid expenses for an anesthesia paper before the society.

That's that. See you later.

Art.