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I represented the Cabinet on Human Rights at the August 8-11 meeting of the National Black Nurses Association. There were approximately four hundred and fifty nurses registered for this conference.

The theme was "Health Care in the Year 2000: Impact on Nurses." The major addresses and workshops directed attention to issues of (1) the anticipated changes in the health care system by the year 2000, (2) the need of black nurses to become actively involved in the planning of health care for the year 2000, and (3) entrepreneurial activities of nurses.

It was interesting to note that the Educators' Workshop, which was held prior to the official conference opening, included a discussion of ANA's newly adopted position on "Titling and Licensure." Mention was made of the fact that NBNA would reconsider its 1981 position statement on Entry into Practice in light of ANA's action.

The discussion of the ANA position revolved around how implementation would occur and many pertinent questions were raised. Most of the persons attending this workshop were either positive or neutral to ANA's position.

Eunice Cole was able to be present for Friday afternoon and most of Saturday. I did arrange a luncheon meeting between Ophelia Long, President of NBNA, Eunice Cole and myself. Most of the NBNA board members were present at this luncheon.

The group explored the feasibility of a formal relationship between ANA and NBNA particularly in relation to the entry issue. This idea received a lukewarm response from NBNA members.

Ms. Long expressed concern and disappointment that a previous partnership between ANA and NBNA had been terminated by ANA without explanation to NBNA. President Cole and myself were unable to provide insight into the details of the situation.

NBNA board members questioned President Cole about current affirmative action activities of ANA and President Cole responded. It was our intent to have a follow-up meeting with Ophelia Long however the schedule of conference events was a problem and this meeting did not occur.

President Cole did indicate after the meeting that she would send a formal letter to NBNA in response to the concern raised about the previous ANA/NBNA relationship. It does not appear that the timing is right for further exploration of a formalized relationship with NBNA at this time.
Dear Professor Hunter:

Thank you for your recent letter which included copies of articles on elder abuse. They will be helpful to the Task Force and we very much appreciate your efforts in sharing them with us.

The Task Force members have now completed six public hearings and are studying the written and oral testimony to complete the final report. We have been greatly encouraged by the concern and response of caring individuals throughout our country toward the victims of family violence and believe we can make some meaningful recommendations to help alleviate this serious national problem. I will be happy to send you a copy of the final report when it is available in September.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. With the help of dedicated people like yourself, we can break the cycle of violence in America and build strong, healthy families.

Sincerely,

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AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks  Eunice Cole 
                          President

10:15 a.m. Organizational  Gloria S. Hope
                          Structure  Interim Director

10:30 a.m. Political      Joanne Symons
             Education      Director

11:15 a.m. Congressional  Tom Nickels
              and Agency Relations  Acting Director

LUNCHEON

1:00-3:00 Open Discussion Period

(Coffee, Dolls, UNA refreshments provided)
Meeting attended

Nature Institute of Nursing, NW
Community Nursing Center, ANC

Meeting notes:
- Money is changing nature of political process
- Flexibility in shifting priorities
- Pressure on political leaders, money from PACs
- Enough in the bank

W. A. Food
- Board of Directors & Stockholders
- Website financial report
- Revenue from retail, food
- Revenue from beer sales
- Board makes decisions about who will get money from them
- More money goes to marginal races
- High are money in states that make a difference
- Support system for women candidates