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December 19, 1984

Chris Simopoulos, M.D.  
7532 Thistledown Trail  
Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039

Dear Dr. Simopoulos:

This letter is to advise you that the Maine Board of Registration in Medicine at its meeting on November 13, 1984 unanimously voted to suspend immediately and indefinitely your license to practice medicine in the State of Maine. This reciprocal action was taken pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 10004(2) (1979 and Supp. 1984) and was based upon the order of the Virginia State Board of Medicine dated July 27, 1984 which suspended your license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please surrender your registration, certificate number 6616, at once and forward it to the Maine Board of Registration in Medicine, Eastside Professional Building, RFD #3, Box 461, Waterville, Maine 04901.

You may seek judicial review of the Board's decision by filing a petition for review in the Maine Superior Court, pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §§ 11001-11008 (1979 and Supp. 1984), within 30 days after your receipt of this decision. Any other person aggrieved by this decision may file a petition for review in the Maine Superior Court within 40 days after the Board's decision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lendall L. Smith".

LENDALL L. SMITH  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: George E. Sullivan, M.D. ✓

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COMPLAINTS

ACTION: MOTION was made and accepted that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters concerning Doctors Burden, Drouin, Ferguson, Gimbel, Hall, Northrup, Salvesen, Simopoulos and Sy.

Upon coming out of executive session the following ACTIONS were taken:  
Burden, M.D.

A motion that the Board advise Doctor Burden to send the complete record was seconded but failed to pass.

ACTION: A second MOTION to dismiss the claim passed unanimously.  
Drouin, M.D.

ACTION: That the complaint be dismissed.  
Ferguson, M.D.

ACTION: That the complaint be dismissed.  
Gimbel, M.D.

ACTION: That the complaint be dismissed.  
Hakim, M.D.

ACTION: That the proposed letter be sent to Doctor Hakim requiring that he sign an agreement with the Board with the terms that his Maine license renewal will be effected provided he remains in compliance with the terms of his probation in Maryland.

Hall, M.D.

That the Secretary inquire from Doctor Leiter about the nature of the relationship between Doctor Hall and the patient and also inquire if both physicians were charged for the same services.

Northrup, M.D.

ACTION: That she be invited to an informal conference with the Board.

Salvesen, M.D.

(Doctor Elkins did not participate in this discussion nor did he vote.)

ACTION: To obtain investigative reports and other materials from the Attorney General's office and to invite Doctor Salvesen and Miss Ranzoni to an informal conference with the Board.

Sy, M.D.

Simopoulos, M.D.

ACTION: That the Board take reciprocal action with the State of Virginia suspending the license of Doctor Simopoulos.

REMARKS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BOARD

Before closing the meeting, Mr. Bradley indicated that the Board needs a different kind of management of its affairs. He made a MOTION that the staff be authorized

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Hakim, M.D.

ACTION: MOTION that the Board accept Doctor Hakim's agreement to accept the terms and conditions set forth for the renewal of his license to practice medicine in the State of Maine.

Simopoulos, M.D.

ACTION: MOTION that the Board accept as information the Attorney General's notice to Dr. Simopoulos that his license to practice medicine in the State of Maine is immediately suspended on the basis of reciprocal action with the State of Virginia.

Shaw, M.D.

ACTION: MOTION that the Board accept Doctor Monaghan's draft of a letter advising the complainant that the Board finds no merit in the interpretation that hospitalization was due directly or indirectly to poor medical practice or improper drug prescription by Doctor Shaw.

Mr. Bradley asked that in the future, copies of files that are reviewed by a single Board member also be included in Board meeting materials for the other members.

ACTION: MOTION was made to go into Executive Session to consider complaints against Doctors Alexander, Carroll, Evans, Getson, Giddings, Hornstein, Knut Ra, Leck, Vachon, Viger, McBreaarty and Leavitt. Upon coming out of executive session the following actions were taken:

COMPLAINTS

Alexander, M.D.

ACTION: This matter is considered to be outside the purview of the Board and is dismissed.

Carroll, M.D.

ACTION: That the physician be advised that it is not usual and customary to refer to submit a claim to an insurance company because a bill is unpaid; and that a copy of the Board's letter to the physician be sent to the complainant.

Evans, M.D.

ACTION: That the Secretary phone Doctor Evans to send to Ms. Derbach a list of the information or copies of the material that he intends to submit to the Board and if Ms. Derbach still refuses to authorize its release to the Board, then the case will be dismissed.

Getson, M.D.

ACTION: That the Board accept Doctor Monaghan's draft of a letter advising the complainant that the Board believes Dr. Getson and his group used the proper ethical and medical approaches in attempting to treat his distressing problem and that they should be commended for their patience and genuine concern. (The vote was 5 - 0 in favor of the motion. Mr. Bradley abstained because the information in this case was not included in the meeting materials.)

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

IN RE: )  
CHRIS SIMOPOULOS, M.D. ) PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

The Attorney General of the State of Maine hereby petitions the Board, pursuant to authority granted it under 5 M.R.S.A. §10004, to revoke the license to practice medicine held by Chris Simopoulos, whose address is 7532 Thistledown Trail, Fairfax Station, Virginia, 22039.

This action is requested on the following bases:

1. The May 23, 1980 order of the Virginia State Board of Medicine revoking Dr. Simopoulos' license to practice medicine in Virginia. Dr. Simopoulos was licensed in Maine based on his Virginia licensure pursuant to a reciprocal agreement with the Virginia State Board of Medicine.

2. The April 6, 1980 felony conviction of Dr. Simopoulos in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia of the crime of abortion.

Dated: July 21, 1980

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