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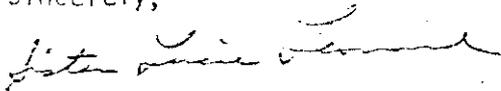
Dear Mrs. Brown:

The Board of Nursing held its scheduled meeting on September 4-5, 1980. Your request for a declaratory statement regarding the legality of executing verbal medical orders given by a physician's employee was on the agenda for this meeting. After due deliberation on the definition of nursing practice, R.S. 37:913, (3), and the information which you included in your letter, the Board formulated the following declaratory statement:

Registered nurses may not legally carry out verbal orders given by a physician's employee.

As you know, the Board of Nursing is charged by law to act to safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana. The Board appreciates your efforts toward the same end.

Sincerely,



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