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FEDERAL COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT

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N.S.W. STATE SECRETARY

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18th February, 1964

The Federal Secretary,  
Australian Medical Association,  
Clarence House, Alfred St.,  
MILSONS POINT N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

The Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement has learned that the Commonwealth T.B. Pension is not paid to Aborigines suffering from tuberculosis. Our information is that this special rate pension is paid to people of all other races in Australia who are unfortunate enough to have T.B. and that the higher rate assists the patient's recovery by allowing him to buy sufficient food for himself and his dependants without working part-time.

As this particular instance of race discrimination against Aborigines also affects the medical problem of the treatment of tuberculosis, I am enclosing several copies of the statement issued by the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement and would be grateful if your Executive would consider the matter.

Any comments or criticisms of our presentation of the case and particularly any suggestions of ways by which equal TB allowances may be obtained for Aboriginal patients would be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*Faith Bandler*  
(Mrs. Faith Bandler)  
N.S.W. State Secretary

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