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February 26, 1973

Mr. Gregory Gilreath, P.A., President  
American College of Physicians Assistants  
2314 Upland Place  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Dear Mr. Gilreath:

Enclosed is a list of "conditions" regarding the proposed merger, the Academy's Code of Ethics, objectives, and a copy of the Academy's revised By-Laws. At our scheduled New York meeting the merger proposal was approved by a two-thirds majority of the Academy general membership.

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You will notice that in this proposal the distribution of guaranteed Board seats has been modified to give the College and the Academy equal representation without the voluminous expansion of the Board of Directors. We felt it would be premature at this time to develop a grandiose regional scheme has had been initially proposed. Based on our understanding of organizational functions we felt that the revised Board scheme would be more effective and responsive to the growing needs of the new Academy.

Following Mr. Snell's interaction with our Directors and Advisors in Washington it was decided that the Board seats should be allocated utilizing a "capitation" formula based upon the number of graduate members of each organization. I recognized that this might delay the merger and therefore have received approval by the Board of Directors (with the full support of the Academy's Advisors) to the following distribution of seats which I feel are quite equitable:

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You will also find enclosed the general conditions of the proposed merger. If this Board arrangement and the entire merger proposal are acceptable to the College I have instructed the Secretary to support any of your candidates with the full powers of his office - a luxury not always enjoyed by the current Academy membership.

On behalf of the Academy I sincerely hope you will give this proposal strong consideration for we have a unique window in time which if missed may never be seen again.

I look forward to your reply and if I can answer any questions you might have regarding the merger proposal please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Godkins, President  
American Academy of Physicians' Assistants

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Enclosure

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