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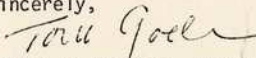
Dear Dr. Zintel:

I have enclosed a recent copy of my letter to the National Commission relative to certification of physician's assistants in surgery. You are well aware the Academy has long supported true generic accreditation and certification. I understand things are moving along quite nicely in the area of accreditation with the hope for the establishment of a true generic joint review committee, shared site visits, etc. Needless to say, we are not quite happy with the way things have moved in the area of certifying physician's assistants in surgery, though believe conceptually we are all in agreement. I would greatly appreciate your reaction to the document, not only given your role at ACS, on the National Commission, and as Advisor to our Academy.

Don Fisher and I were recently discussing the possibility of making a trip to Chicago to meet with representatives of the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, and of course, the American College of Surgeons. We have the hope of visiting Chicago on October 1 and 2, but given the objectives of our trip (meeting individuals from ACS, AMA, AHA, et al.), we are not yet sure we can pull off the meeting. I have written Bill Ruhe and following feedback from him, I will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

I hope that all is well with you personally, that your site visits of surgical assistant programs have gone well so far, and I shall look forward to contact from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



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