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Dear Dan:

I think your idea of evaluating the committees of the Academy is a good one as I am not sure anyone really knows the function of many of them including the Chair-people.

As you know, I am Chairwoman not of a committee, but of the Surgical Council. This Council was established by Mr. Godkins and the Board of Directors in January 1976 and Mr. Glenn Wheeling was appointed Chairman. The Council was established in an attempt to establish a forum for the Surgical Physicians' Assistants of the Academy and a mechanism through which goals, priorities, and problems unique to these members could be identified.

The first meeting of the Council was held at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta last April at which time I was elected Chairwoman, Mr. David Bissonette was elected Vice-Chairman and Mr. William Jacobs was elected Secretary.

Enclosed you will find copies of correspondence which I think adequately explains the problems confronting the Surgical Physicians' Assistants. In a recent telephone conversation with Dr. Fisher I again voiced the unhappiness of my Council members with the lack of success we've encountered in getting an examination with a surgical tract. I assume you have seen copies of Dr. Zintel's correspondence expressing the thoughts of the ACS regarding this as Dr. Fisher states he has copies. I am sure the Academy will lose the support and membership of many Surgical Physicians' Assistants if the ACS is compelled to compose and administer the examination. The time for an examination was yesterday. Mr. Bissonette and I will be making a report to the Surgical Council at our Annual Meeting in Houston. As I have not

received an answer to the enclosed letter which was sent to Mr. Whittaker perhaps you might wish to send any information or ideas you might have pertaining to my questions of him.

I will be asking Mr. Bartow for a meeting room for the Council from 2:00-4:00 p.n. on Monday afternoon, April 18th. I realize you will be very busy at the meeting, but we would certainly appreciate your attendance.

Sincerely,

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Chairwoman
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