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Dear Tom,

Having reviewed the total response to date to our national mailing of November 24, 1972, the only negative response we have received is from some of the current and past members of your executive board. After receiving your letter, we contacted Mr. Griffin and Mr. Naughton for an objective point of view on the letter. Their response was that the A.M.A. Legal Section felt that the first paragraph of our 11/24/72 letter "might possibly be misconstrued to read full endorsement." Consequently at their suggestion, we are preparing a second letter to be sent to all those who were mailed the first clarifying the intent and meaning of our first paragraph.

To reiterate, as far as the Academy and the College are concerned, as we see it, each is organized for one purpose - representation of the physician's assistants as a collective individual practicing in the medical community. In conjunction with our efforts to follow the direction given by the A.M.A. concerning our merger, we have been true to our objectives to bring under one roof all those physician's assistants who do not have representation. To this end the College intends to continue to function and fulfill its autonomous responsibilities.

We had in our beginnings been wisely counciled of the dangers of internal strife. In this present circumstance it is the College's intent to maintain the plan to merger motivated by the need to concritize the physician's assistants' profession in the medical community for its current members as well as for the future members of the merged organization.

We lauded the beginnings of solidification of the existing national organizations and now, having overcome the difficulties of our first disagreement, we are looking forward to working both on our mutual end of merger and on our individual ends as brother organizations.

Sincerely.

Gregory Gilreath, P.A.

President

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