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Dear Mr. Lanpher:

Mr. John Braun has forwarded on to me a copy of Mr. Smith's letter on behalf of the Wyoming State Medical Society to Mr. Weinheimer and your correspondence with Mr. Smith.

I think it would be an understatement to say that the Academy too is "concerned" regarding the American Association of Physicians' Assistants attempts at certification of Physician's Assistants. I have been informed that the National Board of Medical Examiners will release more information regarding their development of a certifying examination for the Physician's Assistant in an attempt to keep State Medical Societies, and etc. abreast of their activities. I believe that we must depend on N.B.M.E. and the American Medical Association to give guidance on a national scale regarding certification of Physician's Assistants.

I am personally displeased with your letter to Mr. Smith and have several requests of you on behalf of the Academy. I would be most appreciative if you would not speak on behalf of the Academy in the future. I would appreciate it if you would not state "representing the Duke University segment" in the future because we are in the process of establishing student chapters all over the country and project 1,000 members by April, 1973.

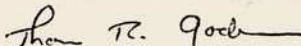
You also have misrepresented some facts for the Academy has been in contact with the American Association of Physicians' Assistants through its' Executive Director Mr. Palace. Neither Mr. Palace nor other representatives of the A.A.P.A. came to us but we did ask for and receive both information and a meeting with Mr. Palace.

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Please do not mistake my comments and requests as being "against" you or N.A.P.A. I do not want to in any way discourage our relationship and the communication that has been developed between N.A.P.A. and the Academy. I am sure you understand my "concerns" and perhaps in the future we could respond separately but in harmony on such issues?

I will keep in touch.

Sincerely,



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