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Dear Lanpher:

Please excuse the great delay in writing. Mr. John Braun had to resign as President and I have recently assumed that position.

I am aware of the Academy's association with N.A.P.A. I, along with the Board of Directors, have been well informed of meetings between your representatives and ours, met your representatives at the Annual Duke Conference, and have studied your proposal for an "alliance" dated June 14, 1972.

The credibility of N.A.P.A. and its objectives are admirable and in many respects similar to our Academy. It was the decision of the Board of Directors to decline your offer for a "formal" merger of N.A.P.A. and the A.A.P.A. at this time. The primary reasons for this decision lay in the fact that things are still in a flux nationally and that the Board felt the membership is not yet ready to accept such a move.

However we still would like to develop our relationship with N.A.P.A. since we have so many mutual interests. No one can predict what will happen in the future but I think there are many areas that both organizations could work together on (in cooperation with the A.M.A., etc.), one example being

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continuing education. I believe it would be a serious and tragic mistake for us not to work together, along with "organized medicine", in the future.

Sincerely,

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