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## PHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. GILREATH, PRESIDENT AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

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Mr. Gilreath called to suggest that perhaps it was advisable that members of his organization and ours meet to discuss our mutual interests and perhaps the possibility of some form of merger in the future. Mr. Gilreath said that he and other members of his organization have been in close contact with Mr. Donald Foy of the A.M.A. in an effort to be recognized by the A.M.A. as an organization for Physician's Assistants but that Mr. Foy suggested that perhaps his organization should get in contact with the Academy.

The American College of Physician's Assistants was formed by either students or graduates of the Surgical Assistant Program at Cincinnati State Jr. College (Cincinnati Tech. College) which it apparently has affiliations with the Cleveland Clinic among other institutions. The College has had from the start financial backing from an insurance brokerage by the name of Professional Life Associates of Ohio.

Mr. Gilreath said that his program had the "verbal approval" of most of the people in the A.M.A. He and members of his organization apparently are meeting with the A.M.A. the first or second week in August at which time they were going to give them the "punch"!

Mr. Godkins agreed it is imperative that representatives of the two organizations meet sometime in the near future and that it would be a serious and tragic mistake not to do so. Mr. Godkins mentioned that although the College is a fairly inclusive organization (accepting students and graduates of surgical, urological, orthopedic assistant programs and also MEDEX Students and graduates) and the Academy exclusive there are many areas of interest in which an exchange of information and a harmonious working relationship would be of great benefit.

A meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

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