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Dear Ed:

If you have not already been contacted by Dr. Jim Robertson, I would like to call to your attention that at the recent Executive Committee meeting in Chicago, a request was made that liaison with Dr. Murray Goldstein be accomplished with reference to the formation of a prospective study in percutaneous discectomy. Dr. Robertson's communication will then be with the Spine Task Force at the meeting in Washington and the results of that meeting will be presented to the Board or Directors at the adjourned meeting in Washington. I would appreciate it if you could find room on the agenda of the Spine Task Force for Dr. Robertson's discussion.

At the same meeting there was discussed a request for a list or Registry of Spine Programs available in the United States for Fellowship training to be developed. Assistance in the development of such a list or Registry might be obtained from the Section on Spine. If this item could also be addressed on the agenda, it would be appreciated.

I note that Sandy Larson has established a "short course" for practitioners on instrumentation to take place in July of 1989. It was my understanding that, to allay the concerns of those who felt that not enough time to address the facet of bio-mechanics and basic science would be available, that a syllabus of some sort would be provided initially. Is it your understanding that such a syllabus will be provided to those who are going to apply for the course or that there will be no such initial provision?

I am looking forward to attending the Task Force meeting.

With best regards. Very sincerely yours,

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cc: James Robertson, M.D., Claudette Matthews, ART

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