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TO: Russel H. Patterson, Jr., M.D.
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DATE: December 18, 1985

FROM: Carl H. Hauber, CAE
Executive Director

SUBJECT: ATTACHED COPY OF PROSPECTIVE DISCECTOMY STUDY
PROJECT, SOON TO BE INITIATED BY THE JOINT SECTION
ON SPINAL DISORDERS (AANS/CNS)

You will note the language in both Kasdon's and Sybert's letter, indicating that this is a project sponsored by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. This troubled us just a bit, for the reasons we discussed by telephone.

We are also concerned that Kasdon has prepared his letter on New England Medical Center Hospitals letterhead, as opposed to Joint Spine Section letterhead. However, I believe I can straighten this latter issue out, without your assistance--by simply mentioning it to George Sybert.

We have the initial materials printed, collated and ready for mailing. The Section would like to have this mailing out before the end of the year. If, upon review, you wish to discuss it with Joe Maroon, please impress upon him that any delays will ruin the Section's mailing schedule. If changes in the letters are to be made, no significant delay will result, if you can get the matter resolved directly.

In the meantime, we'll hold on to it.

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Attach.