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Dear David:

The Joint Section, Spinal Disorders, met during the annual meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, on October 6, 1980. The following individuals were appointed as Chairman of committees.

Education Committee, Chairman, Dr. Kenneth Smith; for activities extrinsic to neurological surgery, Dr. Herny Schmiedik; and to coordinate activities intrinsic to neurosurgery, Dr. Ed Connolly.

The members of the Section were encouraged to volunteer for service on any of these committees. It is anticipated that members of the Section will also make application to organizations such as the American Spinal Injury Association, so that they may display their interest in spinal injuries throughout the nation.

We believe that if neurosurgeons are to take a more active role in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the spine, a number of events must occur. Certainly the establishment of a Joint Section devoted to study of these disorders has been done and will be helpful. The Joint Section will be prepared to embark on increased educational activities, as well as disseminate information to its members. The Spinal Section will also agree to help provide educational tapes, such as those already available from the American College of Surgeons, and the Section can hold one or more symposia devoted to spinal disorders.

It may be even more important for the AANS and the CNS to officially

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recognize the importance of spinal disorders by continuing to devote portions of the annual meetings to subjects related to the spine. Perhaps these subjects should go beyond the frequently discussed topics of disc disease and begin to address biomechanics of the spine and techniques and complications of the use of braces (e.g. halo cast).

I will be happy to answer any questions that you or the Board may have.

Sincerely yours,

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