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RE: Development of Brochures
on the Lumbar Spine

Dear George:

At the recent Joint Officer's Meeting in Chicago we discussed, in detail, various proposals put forth by the Joint Public Information Committee and also reviewed observations made from a questionnaire to the membership. It was unanimously agreed that it would be helpful for practicing neurosurgeons to have a brochure developed by the Joint Committee on Spine dealing with lumbar disc disease.

As you may know, a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Education chaired by Peter Carmel is presently developing brochures on various subjects that would be distributed to practicing neurosurgeons throughout the country to be placed in their offices. The purpose of these brochures is to inform the public in layman terms of pertinent facts they should know about such conditions as hydrocephalus, head trauma and, in this case, discogenic diseases. By necessity, the brochures have to be kept concise. We are hopeful that you could direct your committee to prepare such a brochure that would be in concert with those being developed by Peter Carmel and his group. A budgetary allowance of \$4,000 has been made for layouts, photographs, graphics, typesetting, etc. and these brochures will be disseminated by the Joint Public Information Committee.

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I would appreciate your accepting this request on behalf of the Joint Officers of the AANS/CNS and would be pleased to discuss any aspect of it with you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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