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Dear Dr. Berry:

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation of January 24th. The program committee met on January 19th and again on January 21st, and the following suggestions were made.

The Society is delighted to have you organize the Workshop on Thursday, May 24th. Your proposed title, "International Workshop on Future Developments in G.I. Endoscopy" is acceptable. This can be planned as a luncheon meeting and last from 12:30 to perhaps 3:30. The financial and technical details will have to be arranged by you with Mr. Slack. It is our understanding that he has promised you a room adequate for this purpose. It is also my understanding that all participants will pay for their own meal unless you can finance the luncheon of your invited guests. I would suggest the following format: A large table for your invited guests and a number of small tables, each for eight or ten, for the participants. The luncheon itself should last from about 12:30 to about 1:30. During this hour you may wish to introduce your guests to the audience. The second hour, from 1:30 to 2:30 could be a presentation of four to five minutes each by the speakers whom you would select. I believe that ten to twelve presentations would be the maximum the audience could tolerate. This can be followed by a one hour panel discussion on various subjects covered during the Annual Meeting, which will attempt to answer questions from the audience or a discussion among the panelists.

It appears to me that it is only logical to have you as the Chairman of the Workshop and let you select the Co-chairman. I would suggest that you select the VIPs from overseas, for example Dr. Jones, Dr. Kasugai, Dr. Ashizawa or Dr. Tasaka. You should feel free to name as many as you wish. So far as the panel discussion is concerned, I believe it would be exciting if you had Dr. Jones conduct the panel. If he does not come, it seems to me you could invite

Worth Boyce ad the incoming President of A/S/G/E. If he is not available, you could ask Dr. Nelson or Dr. Palmer, who are members of your group. I know that Dr. Morrissey will not be available since he has another commitment at 2 P.M. If none of those listed are available, I shall be glad to conduct the discussion, if you wish me to do so. However, as I explained to you over the telephone, it seems to me that an outgoing president is no longer entitled to such honors.

As to the members who will be available for this panel, I assume that Drs. Henning, Alavi, Chang, Takemoto, and others may not come. On the other hand, I know that Dr. Laurent and Dr. Roesch will come, and I believe that most of your American contributors will be available.

You may wish to have a brief abstract printed in the program, describing this undertaking. The text of this abstract has to be prepared on the special sheets that you probably have received from Dr. Rinaldo and must be returned to his office by February 10th. This abstract should emphasize the scientific portion of this international workshop. Therefore, it would be of interest to find out from a few of your contributors what they will discuss. It seems to me that everyone should discuss a little bit his own field. Once you know who is going to attend, you may want to use the titles of their papers for the indications of the scientific portion of this program.

I believe this workshop may turn out to be very exciting since it will give the opportunity to the audience and participants to have a somewhat public analysis of the problems discussed during the annual meeting and at the morning workshops. You must realize, however, that a number of people may not come to this luncheon since several things will happen that same afternoon. At 2 P.M., people will be attending workshops at Memorial, St. Luke and Beth Israel Hospitals. They may be available to have lunch with you and leave at 1:30. Others will want to participate at the other clinical sessions of the AGA. Certainly, this luncheon must be finished by 3:30 or even earlier since the last group will be taking buses to go to the ACMI plant. The final one hour panel session may therefore be a one-half hour session, if attendance has decreased and if interest has waned.

It is clear that the A/S/G/E program should list this workshop as one of the ten workshops planned, and make no special publicity or give any special financial support. As you know, all members of the Society travel at their own expense. Dr. Laurent will be the only one whose trip will be supported by the A/S/G/E. Dr. Roesch is on the program on Wednesday and will come at his own expense.

With my best wishes for a successful panel,

Cordially yours,

