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Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.
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Dear Doctor Berry:

The next meeting of The American Gastroscopic Society will be held in Chicago, Sunday, June 10 just prior to the A.M.A. meeting. I am writing in a preliminary and unofficial fashion to ask if you have any suggestions regarding the program. I understand that you have a film demonstrating various positionings of the patient for gastroscopic examination. Do you think that this would be of value to show on our program? If you do, give me some of the details regarding context and length of time required for showing it.

Since we are having two speakers from abroad this year, Dr. Tomenius of Sweden and Dr. P. E. Thompson Hancock of England, I was hoping to enlarge the program to a second day, particularly to give an opportunity of demonstrating technique. I would like to have Tomenius demonstrate his instrument and perhaps get Dr. Schindler to demonstrate esophagosopic and gastroscopic examinations under general anesthesia which he has been using to some extent lately. Other possibilities might be the use of Johnson's rotating table and the performance of vacuum tube biopsy by Dr. Eddy Palmer. Do you think it would be possible to arrange for time and space on Monday, June 11 for such demonstrations to our group in your hospital?

Please bear in mind that these questions are of a preliminary nature and without official backing of the committee. However, I would greatly appreciate any cooperation you might extend me in answering these questions so that when the Board of Governors meets in Chicago early in November, I could have something clearly concrete to present.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

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