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Dear Mr. Mandell:

On behalf of the Officers and Fellows of the International College of Surgeons-United States Section, I would like to offer you our thanks and appreciation for your participation at our 60th Annual Surgical Update, June 15-20, 1998, in Maui, Hawaii. Your contribution on the subject of "Risk Management" presented during the "Opening Session," and the individual program presentation of "Asset Protection Planning for Today's Surgeon" greatly enhanced our program theme to "Transcend the Traditional Role of Continuing Medical Education for the Surgeon," and it's effectiveness to meet the prescribed educational goals. Your management and presentation style was a significant factor for generating the audience's enthusiasm.

As a national chapter of an international organization, the United States Section of the International College of Surgeons is itself, comprised of an international Fellowship of general surgeons and surgical specialists. Planning and providing programming for such a diverse audience, whether scientific in nature or not, is always our greatest challenge. Specifically, inviting presentations of a non-scientific nature is always done with some skepticism. Based on audience response, both written and oral, I was pleased to learn that your presentation of "Asset Protection Planning for Today's Surgeon" surpassed this challenge. While we have provided programs of a similar nature in the past, never before have we had such an overwhelming positive response.

Based on the facts above, and the requests of the participants at this conference, we would be pleased to invite you back and include you in our program for the ICS 36th North American Federation Congress, June 23-27, 1999, in Cancun, Mexico. This congress will include an expanded audience of US, Canadian and Mexican physicians.

In closing I would like to congratulate you and your colleague, Mr. Chris Jarvis for a job well done.

Wishing you all the best, I remain,

Sincerely,


Paul A. Pancer
Director, Continuing Medical Education