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Dear John:

I am pleased to report the action of the Knudsen Award Committee in recommending that the 1966 Knudsen Award be bestowed upon Robert B. O'Connor.

In accordance with the instructions to the committee that we indicate the second and third place nominations, we submit the names of William Ashe and Arthur Vorwald in that order.

For the record, your committee, composed of Robert E. Eckardt, W.D. Norwood, Robert A. Kolbe, William P. Shepard, and J.H. Sterner, arrived at this recommendation by the following procedure:

Each of the members of the committee was asked to nominate at least five candidates ranking them in their order of preference. From the five separate lists a value of five was assigned to the first place, four to the second, three to the third, two to the fourth, and one to the fifth place. The three individuals receiving the highest number of votes all were named at least once for a first place consideration, and there was a distinct gap in ranking between these three candidates and the next highest individual nominated in the initial list.

The results of these initial listings and the ranking mechanism were displayed to each of the committee members, and they were again asked to rank the highest three nominees. The final ballot clearly indicated a preference for Bob O'Connor.

In my initial letter to the committee, I discussed the difficult problem in carrying over names from the previous year's consideration. I listed in alphabetical order four individuals who had received a substantial number of votes in the previous year's balloting. It seemed an unnecessary confusion to include all of the names mentioned in the previous year's nominations. In fact, with such a knowledgeable committee, it seems to me unlikely that a really deserving nominee would be ignored in the initial designation of nominees from the five members.

In the initial correspondence it was agreed that the nominating and balloting of the committee should be held in the strictest

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confidence, and this has been done. I will retain the correspondence, including the lists of names under consideration, and will be glad to transmit this to the chairman of next year's committee, if this meets with your approval and if he so requests. Other than this, we do not believe that the material should be a part of the Association record or files.

We hope that this action meets with the approval of the Board of Directors. I can assure you that each member of the committee, a recipient of the Knudsen Award, believes that the selection of Bob O'Connor will continue the high regard for the Knudsen Award.

Each of the committee members recognizes that this information is confidential and that the time and form of the announcement is a matter for Board decision.

With best regards,

James H. Sterner, M.D.
Medical Director

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Robert E. Eckardt, M.D.
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W.D. Norwood, M.D.
W.P. Shepard, M.D.

P.S. - I would suggest that in selecting the Knudsen Award Committee next year you ascertain the travel plans of the committee. No little part of the delay this year was due to the fact that Dag Norwood was hunting lions in Africa, Bob Kehoe was chasing something or other through South America, mail to Bill Shepard in Martha's Vineyard is being delivered by row boat, and here in Rochester for long periods of time radio is the only communication with the outside world.

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