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Dear Dr. Stern:

Thank you for your August 14, 1996 follow-up letter to Chairman Tunheim regarding the medical evidence. He asked me to respond to you.

First, thank you for writing again to advise us that upon receiving additional information you are more comfortable with the Review Board's handling of the medical evidence. The Board has approached this difficult area in a carefully considered manner and fully understands the importance of its work.

Second, thank you for your kind words to the Review Board. Each of the members of the Board has taken this task seriously and is doing everything possible to fulfill the Board's mandate.

Finally, thank you again for writing. We appreciate input from the research community and will continue to keep you apprised of the Boards' work.

Sincerely,

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