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The Honorable Mike Gravel  
 1251 New Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gravel:

As he indicated in his letter of November 15, Dr. Robert W. McConnell, president of the American College of Radiology, has asked me to arrange for the College to perform the service asked of us in your letter of November 10.

Your request for the College to investigate a research project conducted by one of its members is sufficiently unusual that the College does not have a standing committee or a standard procedure for such assignments. However, Dr. McConnell and his colleagues deem your request to have an impact upon the specialty as well as upon the project in question and the work of Dr. Eugene Saenger. We have discussed your request with Dr. Saenger and he is responsive to have College representatives discuss his project with him and his colleagues at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Saenger is supplying me with the pertinent publications and other references for me to furnish to the working group. The annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America next week in Chicago brings together most of the people who are likely to be involved in this effort. Thus, we should be able to establish a protocol, review the publications and plan for a site visit, if deemed useful by the committee, by the end of next week. All of this means that we should be able to report to you during December.

We are aware of your possible need for this information sooner than that. However, the people who are qualified to make the inquiries you seek are busy professionals who will have to fit this into their obligations, as will Dr. Saenger in making himself available to us. If you find that you have a precise deadline for your vote, we would be glad to attempt to provide at least some information if not our final report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Otha W. Linton".

Otha W. Linton  
 Director, Washington Office

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cc: Robert W. McConnell, M. D.  
 Seymour F. Ochsner, M. D.  
 Mr. William C. Stronach

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