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Dear Sylvan:

Sorry for the long delay in getting this correspondence off to you.

As I am certain that you have surmised by now, my practice has evolved completely away from the area of pediatrics over the last several years, hence, my lack of involvement in SENTAC.

As you probably know, I served on the faculty of Tulane Medicine from 1972 until 1975, and was heavily involved in pediatric audiology and otolaryngology throughout that time. My interest and involvement in SENTAC began during those years. From 1975 through 1985, I was on the faculty at L. S. U. Medical Center, and continued my participation in SENTAC during that tenure. In 1985, I accepted the position of Director of Hearing and Speech at Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital here in New Orleans, where I worked until 1989. Throughout my work at Tulane, L. S. U., and E. E. N. T. Hospital, I always maintained a private practice which was oriented toward industrial and forensic audiology.

By 1989, the private practice had grown to the point where it was necessary to make a choice between the institutional employment and full-time private practice. Therefore since 1989, I have been involved about 200% in my private practice. The practice is currently largely oriented to forensic audiology, with secondary emphasis in industrial audiology. As such, the practice has taken me almost completely out of the arena of pediatric audiology and otolaryngology.

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Over the years, SENTAC has meant a great deal to me. SENTAC remains one of the very few organizations within which professionals from several different disciplines are able to interact readily and without barriers. That interaction certainly accrues toward the primary goal of the organization, which was, and I hope will always be, the advancement of knowledge, treatment, and care of children with ear, nose, and throat disorders.

I regret that I am no longer able to participate actively in SENTAC. However, it is obvious that the organization has progressed well over the years, and should continue to do so in the future. You and the rest of the organization leadership are to be congratulated regarding the initial establishment of SENTAC, as well as the continued success of the organization.

Please convey my regards to all on this momentous occasion of the twentieth anniversary of SENTAC.

Best regards,



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Enclosure

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