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TO: David Cundiff, M.D.  
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FROM: Walter L. Gray, Assistant Director  
Personal Health Services

SUBJECT: **PROTEST OF ASSIGNMENT WHICH EXACERBATED  
A MEDICAL CONDITION**

I have been asked by the Director of Health Services to respond to your September 15, 1994 memorandum to him regarding an assignment at LAC+USC Medical Center.

A review of this matter reveals the following:

- You were medically cleared to return to work. In a meeting with your division chief on May 1, 1994, the scheduled assignment for ward attending was identified as the priority assignment for that month. Other alternatives were apparently suggested for management of the Cancer Pain Service so that your service time would be limited to 40 hours per week. To my knowledge, you did not attempt to make other arrangements to trade your scheduled assignment with another physician.
- According to Dr. Goldstein, he offered you the option of using a wheelchair to round with the residents. He indicates the quote you ascribe to him in your memorandum is not verbatim and is misleading.
- LAC+USC Administration did not respond to you because they were not in receipt of any letters or memorandums from you regarding this matter.

Based on the above, I can find no wrongdoing on the part of staff at LAC+USC Medical Center. do hope, however, that the physical discomfort of the bursitis condition has subsided.

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c: Edward L. Martinez  
Ronald Kaufman, M.D.