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TO: AA/Director  
FROM: CB/William E. Thornton, M.D., NASA Astronaut  
SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Outside Activity

This is a request to engage in two separate, but related, outside activities as follows:

1. Acceptance of an unpaid appointment (Clinical Instructor) in the Department of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston, Texas.
2. Coauthor and present a medical pamphlet and scientific exhibit.

My second request is that I be allowed to participate in presentation of our results to the medical profession in accepted channels of scientific exhibit and publication and to be identified with this work. This identification need not include my NASA affiliation if that is not desirable.

This exhibit is purely scientific and describes the results of our work with normals and hypertensives and is not in any way a commercial exhibit, the latter being at separate locations at medical conventions. Further, scientific exhibits are screened by a committee of the medical organization sponsoring the conventions to insure that commercial content is not present. Dr. Wallace and I will write every word and prepare all other content in it.

Del Mar Avionics, the firm for which I have performed consulting services, had indicated a willingness to bear the expenses associated with constructing and transporting the exhibit and printing the related narrative material. Del Mar Avionics has supported the research project in the form of loaning us blood pressure recorders and associated equipment, and a gift of a Radio Shack microcomputer to UTMB. The company's recorder is to be described only scientifically and to the extent required to understand its use in the larger work described and is not identified as to manufacturer nor is the company otherwise identified by the exhibit.

No real or apparent NASA endorsement of either the research project or any company or product will be made. This seems to be within the letter and intent of NASA and government guidelines in NMI 1900.5 and Standards of



Conduct. Several times I have reviewed the above aspects with leaders in the medical profession to insure that it was also consistent with medical ethics and propriety and have been assured that it was and is.

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NASA Astronaut

Enclosure

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See attached concurrences