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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I enjoyed seeing you the other day. Your willingness to consider becoming a member of the MRS Advisory Committee is very gratifying. On thinking it over and after talking with several people, I do not think it is appropriate for us to put a statement about the responsibilities of the Media Advisory Committee members on our stationery or printed brochure since, in both of these cases, the Advisory Committee is juxtaposed with the Board of Trustees. It seems to me clear, by implication, that the Advisory Committee only gives advice and is not responsible for, nor consulted about, every statement of policy or action. An additional statement would raise more questions than it would answer.

However, I do think it appropriate to include such a statement in any grant proposal that we make. I would suggest a statement along the following lines, "MRS Advisory Committee provides advice and suggestions when asked and at other times about issues to be covered by the Media Resource Service, and on the ways in which they should be handled. It is not in any way responsible for the policy or operation of the MRS or SIPI."

I hope the above is satisfactory. I would very much like to welcome you to the Advisory Committee.

As I said when we talked, I will also send you a list of corporate prospects, as well as a list of corporations which have given in the past. Any help you could give us in contacting these corporations would be very much appreciated. Our experience has been that personal contact means everything.

With all good wishes, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Alan McGowan  
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P.S. For your information, I am enclosing some recent correspondence with the Media Advisory Committee.



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