MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief, Operations and Development
    Acting Chief, Grants Management

FROM : Matt Spear
       Public Health Advisor

SUBJECT: Identifying RMP support for an arthritis coordination and evaluation planning conference.

The enclosed memorandum is a request to Dr. Margulies for approval and support of the subject activity. Since this has been presented to him orally, and he appeared to view the matter favorably, there is reason to believe that we will be able to convene the conference.

Speed of action to effect arthritis program coordination and evaluation is becoming increasingly critical as time progresses. Therefore, I would like to meet at an early date with members of your staffs to discuss potential RMP program speaker, and other resources which the RMP's might be asked to extend to this effort.

More specifically, counsel is needed on the following:

1. Who, in which Regions, would be good to tap to lead discussions in areas suggested in Exhibit B of the memorandum.

2. What specific resource people, or groups, should be contacted with regard to specific implications in the memo (e.g., Dr. M. Klapper believes that the PAR group might well carry out some of the evaluation functions).

3. Which Regions are most likely to be responsive to a request for financial support.

4. Which Regions (and who) possess special staff qualifications, or capabilities to effect specific proposals.

5. What are the related elements, or matters of which your staff possess perceptions not indicated in the proposal.

Since I will be away from the office later this week, I would like to arrange a discussion session with you on Wednesday, the 23rd, or Tuesday, the 29th. I very much look forward to your counsel on these matters.

cc: Mr. Nash
    Mr. Posta
    Mr. Russell
    Mr. Van Winkle