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Dear Doctor Popma:

Enclosed are some very brief summaries of requests to be presented to
the National Advisory Council on Regional Medical Programs at the
February 26-27 meeting.

These requests arise when regions submit non-competing continuation
planning applications requesting amounts which markedly exceed the amounts
committed for the year. As we explained at the last meeting of Council,
it has been Dr. Nystrom's decision that such requests - particularly in
instances in which they represent increases in program base which will
likely be permanent should be brought to the attention of Council and
subject to their consideration.

We are asking you and two other members to review these summaries for
a brief presentation to the meeting. We will have the full application
from each of the regions available at the meeting and will try to be
able to provide additional information you may feel you need.

We have been looking for a way to handle these requests, some of which
we will always have before us without a burdensome addition to the
Council agenda. We appreciate your help this time and any suggestions
you may have in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Phillips
Chief, Grants Review Branch
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Enclosure