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Dear Dick:

Enclosed please find a list of the attendance for the last meeting of the Congress of Neurologic Surgeons together with the receipts for the various functions. I also enclose a list of what each member paid.

I understand in past years that there has been always a sum of several hundred dollars surplus from the amount that was supposed to come in and the actual amount received. I think it is very likely that this amount comes from the sale of tickets for various functions after the person has registered. Our secretaries tried to keep a list of tickets sold after registration and these sums have been added at the end of the column.

Because of the many possible sources of error, particularly when some seven or eight girls are working on it, I will be very surprised if these figures come out 100%. I notice that the list of attendance according to the forms we have for the banquet is 340. At the time we were keeping pretty close check on the number of banquet tickets sold and I recall that 350 were sold as of 6:00 P.M. that evening and approximately 20 more were sold that evening to people who showed up at the cocktail party without having purchased tickets.

I hope that our total comes fairly close to the amount you received. I would very much appreciate it if you would let me know how close to the mark we came.

I have written Dr. Barrett and his secretaries to thank them for their wonderful assistance. I hope that the Executive Committee acted favorably on re-imbursing them for their expenses incurred while working for the Congress Registration.

The Bal Harbour Convention Bureau told me that they would be charging a rate of \$2.35 per hour for the girls they supplied. Mrs. Dix informed me that the ordinary rate for secretaries is \$2.75 but because I told her in time that we did not need girls with secretarial experience but simply clerks she reduced the rate to \$2.35. She says that we actually received three secretaries and only one clerk but the rate remained the \$2.35 per person.

I hope you found their bill reasonable.

I know I went overboard on ordering tickets but having really no idea how many people would show up I erred on the safe side. Next year I will know better.

We must remember to pass on to future Registration Chairmen that Convention Bureau workers should be requested as clerks and I think it would be preferable if they were bonded and not secretaries which are much more expensive. During the rush hours of registration when the money is coming in fast and furious you simply have to trust these girls.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Roxanne for the wonderful assistance that she gave us. She not only did a tremendous service to the Registration proper but she handled the constantly arising new problems that developed at the Message Center.

It was a real pleasure to see you and Phyllis in Miami and we'll be looking forward to seeing you next year in Chicago if not before.

With kind personal regards I am,

Sincerely yours,



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