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Dear Director of Residency Program:

Orthodox Jewish students from the Class of 1992 have contacted our office concerning placement in a residency program that can accommodate their Sabbath observance. Unfortunately, our list of such programs is out of date, so I am writing to you and other residency program directors in order to create a current list of such programs. In order to be on the list, a program would offer the Sabbath-observant house officer the possibility of taking off before sundown Friday until Saturday night. Participating house officers would agree to be on call additional times during the week to compensate. Has your program ever accommodated Sabbath-observant house officers? If so, would you continue to be able to do so for this coming match? It would be helpful to have the name of a Sabbath-observant house officer who has been in your program. If you would be willing to offer such an option for this coming match or future matches, we would also appreciate hearing from you.

We would be grateful if you could reply by September 1, 1991. Of course, your response does not represent a commitment at this time, but merely provides information for counseling our students. I have attached a questionnaire, in case you prefer filling that out to writing a letter. I greatly appreciate your effort in providing this information, so that our office will be better able to guide our medical students to residency programs that will best meet their needs.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure: Questionnaire

SABBATH-OBSERVANT RESIDENCY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Hospital: _____

Field(s) of Training: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

1. Has your program ever accommodated Sabbath-observant house officers?

If so, could you provide the name of a Sabbath observant house officer who has been in your program?

2. Would your program be willing to offer such an option for this coming match (1992) or future matches?

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