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Dear colleague,

Although some months have gone by, I would now like to come back to the subject of establishing a Specialized Section in Group Analysis within the IAGP and inform you about the actual situation of the SAGA/GAAS proposal for which I had asked your support.

First of all, in its time the proposal was sent to my fellow Officers of the Executive, to all those Members of the Board of Directors whom we thought may be interested in the establishment of a Group Analytic Section and other members of the Association whom it may concern personally or in relation to the organizations they represent. In spite of the fact that the mailing was made just before summer vacation, we received an eighty per cent response adhering to the project and signing the form without any reservations. Only two persons were against the proposal for fear of that this may induce fragmentation in such a small Association. The proposal was also discussed informally at the European Symposium of Group Analysis in Oxford at the end of August 1987 at which many but not all of the signants were present.

September 7, 1987, the consideration of the proposal was on the Agenda for both the Executive Meeting and the Board Meeting of IAGP under the title of Special Sections of IAGP (Proposal Dr. Campos). The topic was only mentioned at the very end of the Board of Directors meeting when time already had run out and there was no opportunity of discussing the general question of having sections at this point of history within the IAGP from where, seemingly, came the main objections of our specific project. Taking into account that at this point the Group Analytic Society (London) was not in good standing as an organizational member because of the delay in paying their fee and, therefore, was not duly represented, the signants of the SAGA/GAAS proposal decided to postpone the petition, although there were more than the twenty-five signatures called for by Article Ten of the Constitution.

I would like to add, that this is the second time that a group of individual members of the Association show their interest in establishing the sort of Specialized Section which authorizes Article Ten. The first time was in Mexico by a group of psychodramatists, so I am told by Jay Fidler. The latter was withdrawn to "avoid fragmentation". In Amsterdam we went as far as collecting more than the necessary signatures, but some sort of unconscious filibustering led to the same result. Maybe it is true that it is premature, that our Association has not yet reached the level of organization which allows differentiation. Although, there could be other confessed as well as unconfessed reasons for or against. I was hoping to be able to discuss the matter during the February meetings in New York, which unfortunately in the end I could not make. However, I feel that this subject should be discussed openly and I would like to raise it again in the next meetings of the Executive and the Board in Europe.

Anybody still interested in a thorough discussion of this subject and/or the need of having a Specialized Section in Group Analysis, please send us to the above address his or her views and that way join the ongoing international correspondence network already established in this respect. Do feel free to circulate this letter among people who you think could be interested.

Looking forward to hearing from you, cordially yours,

Joan Campos i Avillar, M.D.