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Dear Colleagues:

We look forward to celebrating the *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Surgery, USUHS* in the early fall. We hope that you might consider joining us. Our Celebration will augment and complement the 20<sup>th</sup> International Surgical Day on Friday 11 October 2002 with the Celebration being Friday afternoon and continuing on Saturday morning. We recognize that this is at the end of the week of the Clinical Congress for the American College of Surgeons. This might permit a number of colleagues to include this on their travel schedule. While this is an "early alert" we will have additional information available in the near future. We will post this on our web site by 1 March 2002 and registration procedures will be identified, however, we would appreciate knowing at your early convenience if you are planning to be with us. We do plan a dinner on Friday evening and a luncheon on Saturday which will have limitations to those who identify their involvement early.

## **25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY, USUHS (1977 - 2002)** **11-12 October 2002**

To accommodate the many who have already expressed a desire to be involved we will have short presentations on a variety of activities in the Department of Surgery over the first 25 years. As one example we will request brief statements from a Class Representative from as many graduating classes as possible that have made contributions to the Department. We will have a commemorative monograph which will highlight accomplishments achieved ranging from those that are individual to those that represent the Department such as hosting the Society of University Surgeons in 1996. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any specific thoughts on what should be included and whether or not you are able to assist with this important documentation which will also become part of the history of USUHS as encouraged by President Zimble.

Thank you very much for your time and for your consideration as well as for your support of our mission. Please share any preliminary thoughts that you might have with me and I will look forward to working with you and our many Colleagues and Friends who have shared our commitment of service to our Nation. Thank you and best wishes to you in this new year of 2002.

Sincerely,

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