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Dear Colleagues,

Largely because I have been your president the Human Life Foundation asked me to become Medical Director of their first project funded by Health, Education, and Welfare. Over one hundred agencies providing Natural Family Planning have been identified. It is my hope that through this program effectiveness will no longer be disputed, academic credibility will be achieved, and world-wide acceptance will become possible. With professional guidance NFP can be taught on a couple-to-couple or woman-to-woman basis.

Though two out of three American women have taken contraceptive pills, two out of three who have started have discontinued them. The longer a woman takes pills the more dependent she becomes; the longer she follows nature's program the more independent she becomes.

The Natural Family Planning Federation of America has established an office at 1221 Massachusetts Ave. N.W. in Washington, D.C. Msgr. John Seli and John McCarthy, M.D. of Pittsburgh are piloting the Federation.

Since 1967 the federal government has invested over \$762,000,000 in Family Planning. 99.9% of this has been for artificial contraception. Bob Carlson, who aided Larry Kane in obtaining the HLF grant, believes we will be able to secure over one million dollars for NFP in 1975. Tom Nabors, M.D. and Pat McCarty, M.D. now have obtained a Federal grant for Region 6 in Dallas. This is a cause which could unite us nationally as never before.

John J. Brennan, M.D.