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Mr. Robert Stewart, R.N.  
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Pursuant to your indication of interest in item #6 on the agenda for the September 1-2, 1983 meeting of the Board of Nursing: Performance of Surgical Procedures by Registered Nurses: Statement of Position by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the action of the Board of Nursing relative to this matter is reprinted below for your reference:

Motion: That the Board reaffirm its position of June 29, 1981, that the removal of atrial and ventricular pacing wires, suturing and cauterizing are not in the realm of the practice of nursing, and in addition, that such procedures as harvesting of saphenous veins are not in the realm of the practice of nursing.

The Board members appreciated your input at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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