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Dear David:

I am writing to invite you to join our newly formed group tentatively call the Memory Disorders Research Society founded for the express purpose of convening an annual meeting of investigators to discuss contemporary research on memory disorders. Such a Society will be limited in membership but broad in interdisciplinary scope. I am writing to a number of individuals whom I would expect might be most interested in such a meeting. If, indeed, you would have an interest, then please respond and let me know if you would like to be a part of such an organization.

The Academy of Aphasia might serve as a model for our group. A small (200 members) interdisciplinary group of research aphasiologists have held annual meetings for twenty-five years and have a compact simple set of by-laws. That is how I would like to see the Memory Disorders Research Society established and maintained. At the meetings, papers will be presented by members to members within symposia of a common theme with several hours devoted each day to discussion. Keeping the membership limited insures the opportunity to converse at smaller sites and, hopefully, would retain high levels of presentations. The first meeting will be October 26-27, 1989. There, at a business hour, we will organize and decide future direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Laird S. Cermak", written over a large, stylized flourish.

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