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Dr. Nicholas Mrosovsky  
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Dear Nicholas:

After giving careful consideration to your request that I serve as an advisor for your newsletter, I have decided not to accept the invitation. Based on your letter of 6 May along with the addendum, it is clear that our perception of what has occurred over the past year differs tremendously. At this point, I do not have the energy or time to repeat all of the points brought out at the King - Scott - Mrosovsky - Carr - Balazs November meeting in Washington, D. C. However, I do want you to know that my basic reasons for turning down your offer are 1) your acceptance of financial support from commercial sea turtle interests; 2) the transformation of what was supposed to have been a Group Newsletter into what is now your newsletter; and 3) the absence of cooperation and goodwill which you have exhibited over the months by not allowing reasonable and justifiable access to the newsletter mailing list.

There is certainly no reason that I cannot provide you with advice on various matters on an informal basis. The title "Editorial Advisor," and the use of my name in your heading, are not essential to occasionally giving you my opinion, when it is called for. Also, as I indicated in an earlier letter, I will continue to regularly send you sea turtle items of interest that come to my attention.

Sincerely,

GEORGE H. BALAZS  
Assistant Marine Biologist

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cc: A. Carr  
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