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Professor F. Bilson,
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345 Crown Street,
SURRY HILLS, 2010

Dear Professor,

I would like to express my thanks for my appointment as Honorary Director of the Glaucoma Awareness Campaign by the Save Sight and Eye Health Institute. I would also like to express my deep gratitude to the Institute for offering to pay the expenses I will incur during the campaign tour.

Having expressed my thanks, I would like to make it clear to the Members of the Institute that I intend to work for, and on behalf, the Save Sight and Eye Health Institute during the Glaucoma Awareness Campaign.

During the last two years, I have funded the Glaucoma Awareness Campaign with my own finances. Up until the present time, I have spent my life savings of \$15,000 - and also taken out a personal loan for \$10,000 - in order to arrive at my current state of readiness to proceed with the Australia-wide tour.

The copy of my financial records which I sent to the Institute, in the care of Mrs. Noelene Griessel, will indicate to what purpose these funds have been put. (This does not include items that have been donated from various sources). The equipment I now have includes a station wagon, a caravan, a video recorder and other display materials, all of which are valued at approximately \$40,000.

My current financial situation dictates that I call upon the Institute's offer to finance my tour and also, if it would be possible, to bridge the gap between the previously projected date of departure (2nd January, 1988) and the revised date of 15th February, 1988. All my financial planning and resources were stretched to the limit just to meet the initial starting date of 2nd January next.

However, due to some difficulties with the Lions Club Organisations and their Christmas holidays, the promotion of my visits and organisation of the tour venues has been delayed. To honour my current financial commitments, and make final preparations for the tour, I require financial assistance up until the commencement of the tour as well as for the expenses I will incur during the tour.

I estimate that a further \$2,500 will be required up until the commencement of the tour, and the appendix on Page 3 of this letter will illustrate how the amount has been arrived at. Please note that this is a minimum amount and all the estimates I have made are absolute minimums also. The day to day expenses of carrying out the tour I have already supplied to the Institute by telephone at your request during the middle of December, this figure having been \$100 per day.

Having asked for this assistance, I would like to make it clear to the Institute and its Members that this financial assistance is to be beneficial to the Institute in both a promotional and monetary sense. As we discussed at the meeting on 30th September, 1987, after my royalty of \$1.25 from the sale of every Glaucoma Awareness Booklet, the remaining \$3.75 (less printing costs) will go directly to the Institute. Furthermore, all donations made by the public and organisations for research into Glaucoma will also go directly to the Institute.

I think it is also important to note that, now my campaign is supported by the Save Sight and Eye Health Institute, applications for Federal and State Government assistance will be considered, whereas when I was carrying out the campaign as an individual they were not. This should make it clear that the assistance I require from the Institute during these early stages is only a temporary measure.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the assistance given to me by the Save sight and Eye Health Institute to enable me to bring to the attention of the public a better understanding of the importance of maintaining healthy eyesight.

Yours sincerely,

R.L. KAISER