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Cc: Tim Kilduff

Nick,

I was pleased to hear from Tim Kilduff of the Alpha Omega Society's interest in establishing a humanitarian award in the name of my father Stylianos Kyriakides. I am always happy when others understand and appreciate what transpired after he won the 1946 Marathon.

While I appreciate the enthusiasm for such an award I do have several concerns. They include the following:

- I have been working with the 26.2 Foundation to advance the Kyriakides story since 2008 when the "Spirit of the Marathon" sculpture was unveiled in Hopkinton. That sculpture along with a similar one, unveiled in Marathon, Greece in 2004 featuring both Stylianos and Spridon Louis. I also am a member of that Board of Directors and I would want the 26.2 Foundation to be fully involved.
- I would like to know why the award will be given?
- It is important to me to review what criteria will be used to determine who receives the award and of course what is the process used for soliciting nominations.
- Who will make up the selection committee?
- I also want to make sure that the award has the long term financial support and would like to see a sustainability plan.
- While I sincerely appreciate the interest I do not want to rush into a presentation without consideration to these and other concerns.

I plan on being in the U S this April for the Boston Marathon. Perhaps we could meet then to discuss how best to move forward.