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Much time was devoted during the recent Annual Chapter Forum to discussing the Academy's campaign to ensure access to quality health care for all U.S. children and pregnant women. Two chapter officers are seen in this photograph discussing the campaign with 1988-89 AAP President Donald Schiff, M.D. ............................ 1

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