

December 28, 1964

Dr. Marc. P. Marthaler
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Dear Mr. Marthaler:

Since my visit to Geneva, the growth of our Documentation Center has been rapid. Despite the fact that we are a small research unit, the Institute has recently become an integral part of the University of Missouri. The Assistant Dean of the Medical School and the chief librarian have encouraged us to continue in the establishment of a major Documentation Center for psychiatric literature. During the past few months, the Computer Center at the Institute has provided us with the basic computer programs for the retrieval of citations using the principles of coordinate indexing. We have recently demonstrated the system, using slightly less than 1,000 citations, to the staff and their response has been encouraging.

It is our intention to continue to support the growth of this center using the available funds of the Institute during the next year. During this period we will explore the possibilities of support from the Federal Government to our Center or to a larger unit to be established at the University of Missouri.

Recognizing your interest, and recalling my visit, I have recommended your appointment as a consultant to this project. Insofar as we lack the proficiencies of a documentalist, we would like to ask you to provide technical help in establishing this center. In the event that full scale support becomes available, it is our intention to recommend the establishment of the position of a director for the Documentation Center, and I would look forward to your interest in such a position.

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For these reasons, and because we are anxious to establish this center as rapidly as possible, the Chairman of the Department would like to request the Psychiatric Research Foundation of Missouri to make available such funds as may be necessary for your participation in this planning stage. If this project is of interest to you, would you be able to come to St. Louis during the next 4 - 6 weeks for a 1 - 2 week period? We would be prepared to defray your transportation expenses, a reasonable living allowance in St. Louis, and an honorarium.

We would like you to participate in the planning of a documentation center for psychiatric information, and to indicate your participation in this center once it is properly funded. If this opportunity interests you, I should be pleased to try to arrange the necessary documents for your visit.

My best wishes for a stimulating New Year. My best regards to your wife, whose hospitality is remembered with pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Exec. Director

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