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Dear Turan:

It was a great pleasure traveling with you. When I returned, I found Ellen and your children quite well, although lonesome. I was pleased to deliver the presents and Ellen joined us for our anniversary party.

The laboratory seems unchanged with everyone working quite well. The EEG laboratory has no problems except that Helen Klingenburg has had difficulties with her children and cannot work full time. I suggested that rather than resigning she wait and discuss with us in October a schedule of work which may be mutually agreeable. With Yulmen on a part-time basis, perhaps she too can give us sufficient help to get our papers completed.

Don Shapiro found a young man to help out with Denber's tapes and this is now almost caught up. Connie has come back from her vacation and within a week I believe we should be analyzing the tapes as rapidly as he produces them.

George has had some problems with his project. There are some difficulties with the evoked response to threshold stimuli and at superthreshold they are less stable than I would have liked. The double stimulator has not yet been completed, but Hank tells me it should be ready for testing by Friday. George is in a good mood. He apparently is an excellent baby sitter.

Nafi is involved with his test and is taking it on Wednesday. By next week he should be ready to begin the work.

Your patients are doing very well as are mine. Ali and Jovan have maintained the wards excellently and there is no problem there.

I have worked closely with Ali to bring up-to-date the draft of the APA paper for October 9. I think it is very good and added two or three "political" sentences which you can either accept or reject when you come back. The Chairman of the Program Committee called me and I told him that the paper will be sent to him by Monday.

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Ali had sent notes on Ospotot to the Intercontinental. I read the notes and it seems to me that our decision not to send an abstract to the Epilepsy Society is still a good one. Enclosed is the abstract you dictated for the American EEG. I will hold it until the 29th and if you make your corrections before then I can send out a copy with your revisions.

Mike is well and I have reviewed his studies with him. I will have to spend some time about the data analysis, but that will have to wait until the Denber problem is well in hand.

We have received letters from Dr. Freedman regarding our chapter. I told him in New York that we were delayed by vacations and the EEG meetings and that he would receive a draft by mid-October. I will have the draft for you when you come back and you can then correct it.

Andy Don's leaving is a great mystery. He left only a few notes and I will try to salvage some of the linguistic material as best as I can. Apparently he spoke to no one except George to request a leave of absence.

Sam was supposed to leave next week but left last week without farewells to anyone. He requested the University to transfer his grant to New York and then requested the Foundation to transfer all the equipment bought on the grant. Since the Foundation has to approve the equipment transfer, the letters were waiting for me. I called Mr. Thompson and George Ulett and was both amazed and saddened to realize that Mr. Thompson had sent the papers through to the University without George's signature and that George was willing to let it all go. I pointed out that the Institute needed both the funds and the equipment, and that your studies alone on Ditrans and anticholinergic drugs, let alone my own part warranted the transfer of the grant to either one of us. I reminded George that the Institute has the right to request the redesignation of principal investigators. By this afternoon, the only thing I have heard is that George has asked Korol whether he needs any of the equipment and that he will probably save a few bits for him.

The Dorsey people will be here on October 11. I have written to van Gogh requesting the return of the letter of credit and when we get it, you will be free to use the money either for an Echo-EEG or telemetry or even another trip to Europe.

Take care of yourself. Martha has seen your other gifts for Ellen and she would like very much for me to break my word to you but I won't. Have a good time and I will see you at the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

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