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Dear Gerry:

Thank you for your kind comments regarding the APPA. I think that the Association should consider the suggestion of developing its own journal.

I have taken your suggestion of a review of the ECT literature to heart. I had completed a review of the proceedings of the conference on ECT and will now add to it a specific review of the ECT clinical results. Thank you for your suggestion.

In talking to you about your relationship to the FDA, I was momentarily embarrassed because, as I mentioned my letters to Gardner and Scoville regarding the use of electrographic measures for bioavailability, you seemed never to have heard of this question. In checking my files, I find that my letter to Gardner of July 16, 1973, and my letter to Scoville of December 20, 1973, have not been answered. My files indicate that I sent a copy of both to you on December 20. Perhaps one of the actions of your committee might be to provide closure to suggestions such as this, for at least it will mean that some consideration has been given, even if rejected.

Again, my thanks for your comments. My best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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