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Dear Martin:

I have read both your reports prepared for the pending Conference on Classification Methods, and find them of considerable interest. It seems to me, however, that one of the more important losses we have suffered in the United States is a lack of adequate training in the description of psychopathology. I am sure that this has been brought home to you during your work with the various scientists that you have met.

I would like to bring to your attention that during the past year I have been most fortunate in having on my staff a number of men trained in Europe and find that their ability to describe changes in behavior, and specific nuances of psychopathology is vastly superior to all my associates and friends when I was in New York.

For this reason, I would recommend strongly that at such a conference you make every effort to invite a number of our British colleagues. I can think of no one who is better equipped to describe psychopathology than Dr. Martin Roth, and also our friend Dr. Max Hamilton. I believe that the addition of such observers and participants would do much to make your meeting more meaningful and more successful, and I commend them or their coworkers for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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