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Dear Max,

I have received a telephone call from Nathan Kline asking me if I had room in my laboratory for a disciple of Max Hamilton's by the name of John Nicholas Hall. Of course, I said yes. When I called George Simpson he told me that Mr. Hall is a clinical psychologist who is interested in coming for three months.

I have missed talking to you over the past few years, but I have not remained idle. This laboratory has an in-patient and out-patient component focussed on narcotic addicts and psychotics; a study in ECT at a large private hospital; a computer facility for EEG analysis and other data processing; and assorted psychologists, residents, etc.

If Mr. Hall is interested in working in the kind of a show that I had at Hillside, but immeasurably better. I would be pleased to consider him. There is one problem which I would like to have some help with and if not from him, perhaps from one of your other workers. We have been using the Hamilton Rating Scale and have written a small program to classify different kinds of depression from that scale after adding seven items of historical information. I have a large population of depressives, both before and during convulsive therapy (we run 50 treatments a day). At this point I would be interested

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in having somebody work with my residents in the proper application of the scale and in exploring its diagnostic and even some of its predictive features. Surely, I would not restrict the work to this scale alone, but would be pleased to use some other measures.

George tells me that Mr. Hall would like to come early in July for three months. I think three months is somewhat short, especially over the summer, but I would be glad to entertain him for that period if you think it would be mutually useful.

The next time you wish to send someone, perhaps you would think of us.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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