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Dr. I. Pierce James
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Dear Dr. James:

Thank you very much for your inquiry. The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is the research and training center of the Division of Mental Diseases of Missouri. It was established in October, 1962, with laboratory and clinical facilities for research. At the present time, of 150 beds, we are utilizing 70 for research purposes. Laboratories are established in pharmacology, psychology, and electroencephalography, as well as a computer center for both statistical and EEG analyses. There is a specialized psychiatric research library as a component part of the Institute. Animal facilities are now being built.

In addition, there is a fully qualified three-year psychiatric residency training program at the Institute, and a special training program in clinical psychology is being established. Both in the research programs and in the training programs, the Institute is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University School of Medicine.

At the present time, there are a number of research programs in progress. These include Lithium as a therapy for mania; the use of Yohimbine as a precipitant of anxiety and the development of anti-anxiety agents; relation of EEG patterns and organic factors in the treatment of therapy resistant psychotics; computer analysis of the electroencephalogram; the effects of drug withdrawal on behavior in the chronically ill; and the treatment of psychotics by nurse relationship therapy.

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Accommodations are available for rental or for sale within ten minutes of the Institute.

Appointments are made at salary levels commensurate with experience, and for candidates holding the DPM from a board recognized by the Division of Mental Diseases, the starting salary is \$16,000. Adjustments may be made for research experience. Allowances may also be made for transportation to the United States under certain conditions.

I am enclosing a description of the Institute. If this opportunity interests you, I would appreciate a copy of your DPM certificate; copies of your publications, especially the more recent ones which may be in press; and a small photograph. It would be helpful if we could have the names of at least two referees to whom we may write.

Parenthetically, the Institute is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University of which Dr. Eli Robins is the Chairman. His interest in the problems of suicide is great.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Director

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PS: As I am not familiar with appointments and titles in Australia, could you clarify your present work situation as to whether you have appointments other than at the Royal Perth Hospital?

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