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Dear Dr. White:

Some years ago I was preoccupied with the problems of convulsive therapy. After that time, I reviewed the literature and proposed a model based on some of my experiences with anticholinergic drugs in patients who had received electroshock. The views that I developed at that time indicate that the mechanism of electroshock therapy may very well depend on cholinergic mechanisms of the brain. In response to our symposium in New York I reviewed my earlier report (which I never completed) and have added a number of paragraphs to bring this report up-to-date.

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy, with the request that if you have the opportunity to read it, I would be pleased for your comments, suggestions, and corrections. I trust you find this report of some interest.

Thank you very much for your assistance, and my best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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