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Dear Gerry:

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Michael Alan Taylor for membership in the American Psychopathological Association.

For this work, he received the 1969 Clinical Research Award of the Society of Biological Psychiatry.

As a resident physician, he was most industrious and undertook independent research into the concomitants of post-partum schizophrenig. Demonstrating that the sex of the offspring bore a significant relation to illness in the mother, he subsequently demonstrated that hormonal effects operated concurrently with the ataractic properties of drugs-- a conclusion derived from his data.

During his residency, also, he carried out independent verification of the lactate infusion test for anxiety neurosis, confirming the work of Pitts and McClure.

Since returning from military service, he has established a variety of independent studies at Metropolitan Hospital, in anxiety and in schizophrenias

I am pleased to recommend him for membership.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry

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