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Dear Jim:

At long last, our EEG laboratory is in operation and we are now screening all our admissions before the drug induced changes. The computer unit has also been installed and we have been making up some programs for the time series analysis suggested by Neil Burch. I am learning how to talk to this instrument and we expect that the A-D converting systems will be available in early July. If things grow at their present rate, we should be able to carry out concurrent frequency analyzer and computer analysis of EEG by September.

I have received some excellent recommendations concerning Miss Walton and have offered her a position. Thank you for your recommendation.

When you were here I may have told you that Dr. Sam Gershon was joining the Institute staff. Dr. Gershon, who has come to us from Australia, has been interested in Lithium therapy and its effects on electrolytes. I brought your studies to his attention, but he already knew of them. One of the studies which he wishes to undertake is a reassessment of Lithium therapy in manics with concurrent studies of calcium levels in phases of depression. Another program which is of special interest to me is the study of Ditrin and its blocking agents. For this latter study, we are interested in analyses in spinal fluid of acetylcholine and cholinesterases. While we have some good ideas and can carry out the clinical and pharmacological studies, we are at present, stymied by a lack of a biochemist who can carry out such investigations. It is at times like this that I regret your decision. In the event, however, that any of your biochemical friends are interested in spending some time in the States, participating in such a program, I should be grateful for your recommendation.

Discussions have already begun in the States regarding the 1964 meetings of CINP. If at all possible I hope that our laboratory will be represented at that meeting and look forward to visiting with you again. My best regards to Sheila.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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