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Dear Alick,

It was good to hear from you, and especially that you are putting together some work on ECT. I have spent the last few years reviewing the studies which I first began in 1953, and have completed a book, called "Convulsive Therapy- Theory and Practice" which will be published in January by Raven Press in New York. I enclose a reprint that you requested and some preprints from other reports that have either been published or are in press on the same subject.

I am most pleased with the progress made in our understanding of the ECT process, and I am optimistic that many improvements in the treatment are both feasible and will surely be seen in the next few years.

You may also wish to look for the report of the APA Task Force on Convulsive Therapy. The report of the group, chaired by Fred Frankel, will be issued later this year by the APA in Washington.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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