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Dear Gene:

It was a great pleasure to talk to your brother. In our discussion, I tried to express the results of my experiences both at Hillside and in St. Louis in the development of a research center. While it is possible for a center to be developed by having a talented young man and letting him struggle with you, I am impressed that the main stream of American Psychiatric research is located in the University structures. For this reason, I expressed the opinion that if Gateways were to undertake a research and training program similar to that pictured at Hillside Hospital, it would require the establishment of a very strong liaison with a department of psychiatry at a local medical school and the collaboration with the chairman for the appointment of a senior investigator who may be interested in undertaking such a position, if it carried the concurrent professorship at the medical school. The remaining recommendations derive from this point of view.

Thank you for the opportunity of meeting your brother and expressing an opinion about a problem with which I have struggled for many years. As I indicated to him, I would be pleased to help you in any way that I can.

Sincerely yours,

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