

June 11, 1962

Dr. Robert M. Edwalds  
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Dear Dr. Edwalds:

Following our meeting and telephone conversations, I should like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our program in Missouri, and request your consideration of a position at the hospital as staff psychiatrist on a career basis at \$19,000. In addition, I would be pleased to recommend your appointment to the Dean of the St. Louis University School of Medicine for consideration as Assistant Professor. If this is of interest to you, I will recommend this appointment to the superintendent, Dr. Louis Kohler.

The Institute will open this Fall, but as yet, neither the T.O. nor the salary schedules are approved. Patient care will begin, however, about September 1 and the staff for the units will be drawn from the hospital. The training programs in psychiatry will continue to be under the direction of Dr. Ferro, who is the present Director of Training, and it is my intention to assume increasing responsibility for this part of the program.

In reviewing your credentials, both Dr. Ulett and I were pleased with your interest and your career attitude. The teaching experience was limited, however, and we agreed that the best way to evaluate this aspect of the record was at St. Louis.

Secondly, in reviewing your educational interests I was impressed that the best teaching appointment would be at St. Louis University. I was constrained, however, by the reality that the St. Louis University Department of Psychiatry had no chairman and no mechanism for prior appointment was available. On Thursday, I had the opportunity to meet the Dean as well as the candidate for the chairmanship. We discussed the relationship of the state hospital and the

University and I was heartened that the Dean agreed to consider appointments at St. Louis State Hospital recommended by the Superintendent.

With these data, I discussed your role with Dr. Kohler and would recommend that you join the hospital staff on a career (full time) basis for assignment by the superintendent. Your initial responsibility would be that of section or division chief with considerable time devoted to teaching. In both duties, we will have an opportunity to determine more adequately your interests and relationship to the training programs. I would be pleased to have an opportunity to work with you.

If these arrangements are agreeable, I will make such recommendations to Dr. Kohler and the appointment can be made effective September 1.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Max Fink, M.D.