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Dear Philip:

I trust that your trip to Japan was a fruitful one. The meetings in Salzburg and Vienna turned out to be excellent and I had an opportunity to discuss our proposed symposium with a number of investigators. Since returning home, I have called some of the investigators included in my list following our meeting.

The subject of anticholinergic drugs and the associated problem of the dissociation of EEG and behavior appears to be of great interest. I have spoken to Drs. White, Hinrich, Roubicek, Vojtechovsky and Votava. Each has indicated his interest and I believe that they can make contributions either to the clinical or the basic science aspects of the program.

I have called Dr. Domino and found that he is out of the country, but I reviewed some of his recent work as presented in a grant application and I believe he will have a contribution to make.

Dr. White recommended Dr. Giarmann. I do not know him personally, but I am enclosing a copy of his recent bibliography and I believe he should also be invited. Dr. White also suggested that Dr. John Biel or Dr. Leo Abood be considered. Dr. Abood presented some of his data at the Biological Psychiatry Meeting and while it was of great theoretical interest, its application to our problems seem remote. Another recommendation was that of Dr. Longo from Italy and you may wish to consider him.

In the clinical aspects, in addition to Dr. Vojtechovsky Dr. Bente of Emlagen, Dr. Itil from my laboratory and Dr. Jenkner from Austria should be considered. I have spoken to Dr. Bente and Dr. Itil and they have material to present. I did not speak to Dr. Jenkner but would consider writing to him. In addition, I know that both Dr. Wilson of North Carolina and Dr. Shagass have done clinical studies but have not contacted them until we know the extent of the program. In making inquiries about other

European workers, three names were presented to me: Denisenko of Moscow University, Mikhel'son of Leningrad Pavlovian Institute and Anischkov also of Leningrad. I know the work of Denisenko and he has some clinical data on the use of anticholinergic drugs on head injuries. It may be interesting to invite him to hear a different kind of experience.

As I look at my notes, invitations should be considered for the following: Bente (and Flügel), Bradley, Brimbelcomb, Domino, Fink, Giarman, Hance, Himwich, Itil, Longo, Jenkner, Vojtechovsky, Votava, White and Wilson. I think you should add a number of participants and this will provide us with a sufficiently large group as a nucleus for the program.

The following question might be presented to the investigators as a focus for this conference:

What are the neurophysiological and behavioral effects of the alterations of brain function by anticholinergic drugs in animals and man? What are the bases for the avowed dissociation in EEG and behavior with these compounds?

Before we make a specific program outline, we should decide on the participants and the likelihood of their presentation being germane to either these questions or some other aspect which you may wish to specify.

I should be glad to hear your comments and your advice as to the next step.

Sincerely yours,

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