

August 2, 1991

Robert P. Hopkins, M.D.
Chairman, Credentials Committee
McLean Hospital
115 Mill Street
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Dear Dr. Hopkins,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the application of **Morton G. Miller, M.D.** for the professional staff of McLean Hospital. Mort was a member of our Department at Stony Brook for more than a decade under the leadership of Stanley Yolles, and I knew him as a co-worker and unit chief. Mort came to Stony Brook with Dr. Yolles from NIMH. In our Department, he was the organizer and leader of the in-patient service, and I worked closely with him as an Attending Psychiatrist.

Mort is an excellent clinician. He is skilled in clinical descriptive psychiatry, and an excellent psychopathologist. He was instrumental in defining the group of manic patients who come in a state of delirium, and who are immediately responsive to ECT. He organized our affective disorders program and the lithium aftercare clinic. In this unit, he inspired a number of his juniors to credible research (Aronson, Shukla) with excellent publications.

He is an excellent and well organized teacher. He knows the academic literature, including much history, and is able to lecture in an inspiring and thoughtful manner.

He is a fine administrator, and is well liked by the professional staff. He is honest, thoughtful, and adheres to the highest principles of our profession. I am not aware that he has ever been denied any professional privilege or membership which he requested; nor has he been denied licensure. He stood before our tenure committee and was promoted to Full Professor with tenure in due course. He is rather abstemious in his use of alcohol and there has never been a hint of drug use.

I have no hesitation in recommending him for full professional privileges in psychiatry, and do so without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry