

April 20, 1964

Mrs. Maxine Farmer
3814 39th Avenue
Oakland 19, California

Dear Mrs. Farmer:

Your letter of application to Mrs. Anderson has been referred to me for reply. I found your letter of considerable interest and am taking this opportunity to describe the program at the Institute.

The position at the Institute that is available is in a study of chronic schizophrenia under the direction of Dr. Turan Itil. This study is dedicated to an analysis of both biological and social factors in continued hospitalization of the severe mentally ill. Dr. Itil is an eminent neurologist and psychiatrist, and has planned a series of analyses of brain function of these subjects in relation to their behavioral patterns, and we will undertake various trials with new therapies. We are aware, however, that many of the treatment failures may be continued hospitalization because of social factors. These may be historical and relate to the inability of the subject to participate in regular work programs; or to the problems of the family at the present time so that they are unable to integrate this patient with the handicaps they may have.

For this reason, we are interested in having a social worker participate in the program in two specific areas of work. In one, we would hope to have the analysis of the family patterns, both historical and present, as these may influence the continued hospitalization of the patient. Secondly, for those patients who may have shown some therapeutic effect during our treatment program, we would be interested in having a member of the staff specifically involved in contacting the community agencies and the families to help the patient bridge the transition from hospital ward to the home and work setting.

If this opportunity interests you, I would appreciate receiving a more detailed curriculum vita, and the names of two or three referees whom I may contact regarding your application.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Director

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cc: Mrs. Anderson