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Dr. John Bergen
Chairman, Membership Committee
Society of Biological Psychiatry

Dear John,

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Michael Alan Taylor for membership in the Society of Biological Psychiatry. (Winner, with Dr. Robert Levine, of the 1969 award of the Society, his work needs little introduction.)

As a resident physician, he was most industrious and undertook independent research into the concomitants of post-partum schizophrenia. Demonstrating that the sex of the offspring bore a significant relation to illness in the mother, he subsequently demonstrated that hormonal effects operated concurrently with the ataractic properties of drugs-- a conclusion derived from his data.

During his residency, also, he carried out independent verification of the lactate infusion test for anxiety neurosis, confirming the work of Pitts and McClure.

Since returning from military service, he has established a variety of independent studies at Metropolitan Hospital, in anxiety and in schizophrenia.

I am pleased to recommend him for membership.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry