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November 12, 1964

Dr. Lewis Robbins
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Dear Lew:

Earlier this month I received a visit from the Executive Director of Gateways Hospital in Los Angeles, Mr. Louis Ziskind. He consulted me with regard to the development of a research program at his hospital. In discussing his institution, I was struck by the many similarities with the programs at Hillside Hospital.

Among the questions was one regarding the possible creation of a research center. He indicated that funds were recently made available to his Board of Directors. Insofar as the goals of his programs appeared similar to those of the Board of Directors at Hillside Hospital, I suggested that he write to you or Mr. Bachrach for copies of the drawings of the research addition to the Lowenstein pavilion. Rather than expressing the many hours of thinking that had gone into those suggestions, I believed he could, if you were agreeable, obtain a picture of the recommendations which, I believe, are still tenable today. Unless the records have been discarded, copies of the plans were left in the Department of Experimental Psychiatry file.

As you may have guessed, the establishment of this research center has been a tedious and long affair. It has been during the past 6-8 months that I have found some time to devote to productive research work. I was pleased to have been able to work with Don to produce the report on our experiences with chlorpromazine in depressive patients—a report which will soon appear in Psychopharmacologia and which is forming the basis for a national

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collaborative study of depressive illnesses.

My regards to our many co-workers at Hillside.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director

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cc. Mr. Louis Ziskind

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December 14, 1964

Dr. Max Pollack
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Dear Max:

At the program committee meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry, Dr. Kennard submitted the enclosed abstract as a result of some encouragement from me. Because of the time limitation, I accepted the responsibility for having it retyped and am sending this copy to you and one to Dr. Kennard for your approval. If you wish to submit this abstract with her, please write to Dr. Nurnberger accepting the abstract, and I would appreciate a carbon to me so that I can support this report. I have already submitted it to the program committee, and therefore will not vote on it myself, an abstract regarding the discriminate function analysis of the schizophrenic and depressive subject. For this reason, I was anxious to have some more information about the fate of our patients.

I received your succinct reply to my last note when I returned from New York and regret that I did not see you at any of the meetings. I met Irvin Greenberg at the EEG meeting and he seemed cheerful, optimistic, and pleased with something ("like the cat who has just swallowed a canary").

Enclosed is a copy of the abstract which I have submitted to the Biological Psychiatry program committee and do not know what its fate will be. I am recommending that the chairman consider accepting both this report and Dr. Kennard's as contributions to the general problem of EEG and diagnosis.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director

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