

F: Letters

June 4, 1975

Lewis Barmess, M.D.  
Chairman, Search Committee  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, Florida 33620

Dear Lew,

After much discussion among my associates and with my family, I regret that I am unable to proceed with our negotiations for the position of Chairman of Psychiatry. I truly admire the special nature of the facilities, the staff, and the many possibilities at the University, but find that the effort may be too great for me at this time.

I want to thank you for your many kindnesses and for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry

May 24, 1975

Lewis Barness, M.D.  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, Florida 33620

Dear Dr. Barness,

You must know that I very much appreciated and enjoyed your hospitality during my visit to USF. The opportunities are outstanding and the facilities available are among the best I have seen at any new center. It seems prudent to discuss the many facets of the invitation with my family and my associates, and I shall be in touch with you within the next fortnight.

In the meanwhile, I enclose some of the receipts which may be the basis for reimbursement of expenses.

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| Air fare               | \$176. |
| Taxi (Home to Airport) | 8.50   |
| Hotel                  | 14.56  |
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| Total                  | 199.06 |

Again, my thanks for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

April 5, 1975

Lewis A. Barness, M.D.  
Professor & Chairman  
Department of Pediatrics  
Tampa General Hospital  
Tampa, Florida 33606

Dear Dr. Barness,

Thank you for the invitation to visit Tampa and the medical school. I have scheduled the flight, Delta 177 leaving LaGuardia at 0900 and arriving Tampa at 1132 on Tuesday, May 20. As I shall be going on to Miami Wednesday afternoon, there should be enough time to visit the installations of the University and to meet the faculty.

I shall be prepared to present a discussion of "Studies of Chronic Hashish Use", reflecting on the studies in which I have been a participant since 1969, both in New York and in Athens, Greece. I should like to review the clinical, behavioral, and physiologic effects of cannabis use, both in a community of chronic users and in experimental subjects. It should give the audience an opportunity to enquire into the relations between laboratory and field studies.

It would be helpful for me to read any material describing the development of the medical school, its facilities, and its present and projected programs that may be publicly available. I should be grateful if your office could share such material with me.

Again, my thanks for your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry