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March 2, 1964

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Dear Dr. Robins:

It has been almost a year since two of my senior associates, Dr. Samuel Gershon and Dr. Turan Itil, joined the staff of the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry. Prior to their appointment, I discussed their credentials with your predecessor, Dr. Gildea. Soon after their arrival in the United States, I presented them to him and to you, and recommended their appointment to the Department of Psychiatry.

Despite many inquiries and occasional reassurances from you that the matter was under consideration, we have never received a definite statement regarding their appointment. On February 16, I once again inquired and was told that there would be an Executive Faculty meeting that week. I have not heard from you since that meeting.

At the present time, I should like to withdraw the recommendation which I made to you and to Dr. Gildea in March, 1963, and repeated during the summer following your appointment as Chairman. During the past few months these scientists have indicated that the development of their research programs was handicapped by the lack of a university appointment.

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With their concurrence, therefore, I am hereby withdrawing my recommendation, thereby permitting them to make such applications as they may deem necessary to other universities for the affiliations which may be important in the growth of their research programs.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director

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cc: Dr. G. A. Ulett
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P.S. Following the dictation of this letter on March 2, I received your phone call this morning, on March 3. The content of that telephone call has not altered our desire to withdraw my recommendation.