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Dear Dr. Marsan:

It is with great pleasure that I enclose the corrected page proofs of the bibliography. We have made all the corrections recommended by the editors. Following your suggestion that we review the references in Dr. Brazier's review, we have recommended the addition of nine citations. These are each marked in the appropriate position with the letter "a". The requested changes have been made in the author and subject indices.

In addition, if listed abstract has been reviewed and in the instances in which a complete article has been published by these authors, citation has been changed to reflect the full article. In two instances the article was already listed in the bibliography under another title, and rather than delete titles, we have had the phrase "see full article #___".

In working with the subject index, my associates and I have found its format too complex. The use of two em dashes to represent the header word in a column of subject references is quite satisfactory when a single word is represented. When, however, two dashes, three dashes, and on one occasion, four dashes are used, and, these dashes flow over onto the next column, the subject index becomes completely useless. I would commend you to reading Page 66 as an example.

Would you consider modifying the subject index to limit the use of two em dashes for single words only? If this is too expensive, would it be possible for you to minimize the use of two dashes and exclude anything greater than that? One of the major uses for this bibliography must be in the use of its indices and I believe we will be severely criticized for the format of the subject index.

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We were able to check each of your questions but one. I have been unable to obtain a copy of Article 343 (Mars, G. et al., Ann. med. psychol., 1958, 116 (2): 202), to check the proper spelling of B. Severgnini. You may recall that you reminded us that there is a similar name listed in Article 470. The spelling in this instance is "Severgini", and this is the correct citation from the Riv. Neurol. I would be very grateful if your secretary could check with N.L.M. to see if the annales of 1958 are now back in the stacks. They were absent last week.

Regarding the inquiry of our use of the Capitol World List of Scientific Periodicals 1900-50, we have followed the recommendations of the Journal, Vol. 14, p. 160. That was the official reference for the Journal at the time the bibliography was first completed. We did discuss this last summer, and I believe that our citations are consistent with that. It would only be with a great deal of effort that we could modify our present citations to meet with the new specifications of the Journal. I would request that you permit this use, as described in our introduction.

Since undertaking this project, I have come to concur with your thought that the only merit of such a bibliography is in its meticulous accuracy. For this reason, I would wish you to request the editors to return another set of galley proofs. While, in general, these proofs are very good, we have found it necessary to make corrections on every page. After so much effort, it would be most helpful if we have another chance to make the bibliography perfect.

Three weeks ago I promised you a completed review article by this date. I have been ill and have been unable to fulfill that promise. I am continuing to work on this, and hope that I can have it available two weeks from today. If you find that this is an inordinate delay, I would recommend that you complete the publication of the bibliography as it is.

Thank you for all your helpful comments.

Sincerely yours,

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