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Dear Alan,

The enclosed letter speaks for itself.

Alfred Freedman has been a remarkable leader in American and world psychiatry— thoughtful, liberal, productive. It was his vision that launched the Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry and its many offshoots. He launched this journal, and although it has not made a big impact, its issues are among the most thoughtful in our profession. The closest relative in my ken is the Behavioral & Brain Sciences (Cambridge University Press) edited by Steven Harnad of Princeton.

Alfred is retiring, but remains active and enthusiastic. He probably needs a project to keep his interests high during his retirement, and the journal may be a useful vehicle.

I know that some exploration has been done by Raven Press, and perhaps the issue is moot. Nevertheless, I am bringing it to your attention again. Alfred is a connection to the 'political' leaders (vis a vis the 'scientific') of the world of psychiatry. That may be of some merit.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Editor

P.S. Martha and I very much enjoyed your visit. Carol's suggestion led us to get the electrician in and, among other changes, the face plate for the light switches is level. And, I did not get to Munich after all; my mother fell and fractured her hip; the surgery and hospitalization kept me here. She is progressing nicely now, but the timing was inopportune.