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Dear John:

I have reviewed all the abstracts in my folder and the following are my recommendations.

With the highest recommendation, I would recommend the acceptance of the report of the following authors:

N. W. Fox, Galesburg
A. J. Vaxquez, R. Ludmer, H. C. Sabelli and
J. P. Toman, Chicago
S. M. Shoi and E. F. Adamo, Montreal
W. L. Cassidy, N. B. Flanagan, and H. T. Ballantine
W. K. Zung, T. H. Naylor, D. Gianturco, and
W. P. Wilson, Duke Hospital
R. P. Fischer, Ohio State
H. D. Kurland and C. T. Yeager (San Francisco)
C. Shagass and D. N. Trusty, Iowa City

Also acceptable is the report on neurophysiologic changes in the brain of the cat after administration of a weak and strong anti-cholinergic hallucinogen by Dr. Spradlin et-al. Since this is related directly to the symposium on anti-cholinergic hallucinogen, I would recommend that the committee not accept this abstract but permit me to include Dr. Wilson as one of the discussants and active participant in that symposium. If this is acceptable to you, I will write to him and ask for his recommendation as to which member of the quadrumvirate he would like to have present this information at the symposium.

A second group of acceptable reports are those to whom I have given a rating of "3":

S. Gabay, Boston
J. A. Wada and H. Kumashiro, British Columbia
E. S. Barratt, Galveston
H. A. Peters, Wisconsin
M. H. Aprison and J. N. Hingtgen, Indianapolis

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I have read the three abstracts submitted by Dr. Wada and believe that the one entitled "Long Term Correlation of Visually Evoked Cerebral Response to Behavior" is probably the best of the three. For this reason I would suggest the disapproval of the other two abstracts from this laboratory.

My final group of abstracts are those in which I have given a rating of "4":

E. Ziskind, Los Angeles
L. Alexander, Boston
J. W. Beasley and J. H. Mendelson, Boston
N. E. Scheibel and A. B. Scheibel (U.C.L.A.)
L. Cobrinik and G. Faretra, New York
M. Pollack and I. M. Greenberg, New York
A. E. Bennett, Berkeley
C. R. Robie, New Jersey

I do not have a copy of the abstract by Dr. Andermann so am unable to vote on it although I recall reading it during the meeting and would probably classify it as a "3" or a "4".

You are left with two additional abstracts which are related in kind and about which I would rather not vote. These are the abstracts submitted by myself, Dr. Itil and Dean Clyde entitled "A Contribution to the Classification of Psychoses by Quantitative EEG Measures". I am enclosing five copies of the abstract submitted by Dr. Kennard and have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this to Dr. Pollack for his approval. In the even that Dr. Pollack approves, I believe the Committee should look upon these two reports as complementary. They relate to the same population and express a point of view regarding the problems of EEG classification of mental disorders which might be worth while to present to this Society. However, this is a decision that you and the rest of the Committee should make.

I have already received Dr. White's acceptance and will proceed to prepare the panel "Anti-Cholinergic Hallucinogen" subject only to your approval of the inclusion of Dr. Wilson's group in this symposium.

I believe the committee should make its own decision on the abstract by Itil and Keskiner.

My best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director