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Dr. Max Pollack  
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Dear Max:

It has been a few months since there has been any communication between St. Louis and New York and before closing the books on the Hillside operation, I should like to suggest one more opportunity to review our present data. Last week I had the occasion to meet Dr. Overall of Kansas and participate in a seminar on rating scales. He indicated that he had some programs written for the 1620 computer which would permit the classification of patients. The programs require, however, that the idealized profiles be established first and that then, by comparison to the idealized profiles, the subjects can be classified into groups. This operation would require that we give up the possibility of an outside criterion and decide on a few groups which we can describe using our data. Having made such a description, we should be able to determine the distance that any subject has from the idealized version. In this way, perhaps, we can then take a look at the clinical changes seen in these groups.

Dr. Overall will be a participant in the V.A. cooperative studies in psychiatry in Kansas City on March 26-27. I am planning to be at that meeting. If it is possible for you to attend, he has indicated that he would be willing to meet with me and go over the Hillside data.

The meetings will take place at the Hotel President in Kansas City. There is a free period the evening of March 26th and this would be a reasonable way to spend that time.

I am taking the liberty of sending a carbon of this to Lew hoping that this description may be sufficient justification for you to make this trip.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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cc: Dr. Lewis Robbins