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Dear Stan,

I enclose copies of the letter I received from Bernard Lerer and my reply. He plans to attend the APA meetings in New York in May and should he write to you, I hope that you will be willing to meet with him.

As you well know, the Department totters along, rather direction-less. Its academic standard remains poor, and our resident pool is even poorer. I made one pitch to the Dean in September to suggest an external review of the Department, and was rebuffed. He argued that he had more important problems on his plate.

My own work continues to be accepted. We have a fine ECT unit and each year one or two residents take electives with me. We have one of the two postgraduate training programs in ECT in the U.S. The journal CONVULSIVE THERAPY is thriving. On 10-North we have two good clinical projects in progress-- a random assignment study of ECT and drug therapies as maintenance therapies for patients who complete a course of ECT; and a therapeutic trial of ECT in patients with parkinsonism.

Thank you for any help you can give Beni Lerer. He is a dedicated orthodox Israeli who has moved to a Left Bank settlement, with an excellent scientific head and very good co-workers.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.