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December 23, 1963

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433 Marlborough Street  
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Dear Leo:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Sam Gershon, M.D. and Turan Itil, M.D., for membership in the Society of Biological Psychiatry. In making this recommendation, I am joined by Dr. George A. Ulett, the Director of the Division of Mental Diseases of Missouri. The curriculum vita of both these candidates are enclosed for your consideration.

Dr. Gershon immigrated to the United States earlier this year from the University of Melbourne in Australia, where he was professor of pharmacology and acting director of the department. In 1961, he was a fellow with Dr. Ralph Gerrard in the large schizophrenia project at Ypsilanti State Hospital. At the present time, he is a principal research scientist (pharmacology) at the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry.

Dr. Turan Itil also immigrated to the United States earlier this year. For many years, he has made significant contributions to the field of electroencephalography, especially with reference to the influence of psychotropic drugs in man. He has studied under Dr. Kretschmer and Dr. Flugel of Erlangen. He recently completed a monograph on the changes in the electroencephalogram induced by psychotropic drugs, and the modifications of these changes by intravenous Pentothal. Dr. Itil is a principal research scientist at the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry.

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It was a pleasure working with you at the SBP council meeting earlier this month.

My best regards for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.  
Director

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*Re: S. a. Witt,*