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Dear Jon,

It was a pleasure meeting with the editors of *Seminars in Psychiatry*. It was an impressive group, and I was most heartened by their frank discussion and enthusiasm. I do not recall being among such a talented group for many a year, and perhaps I understand some part of the reason for the excitement in Boston.

As to the project, I understand I should proceed to invite reports reflecting the recent research findings in ECT, focussed on the topics listed in the attached memo. We should set a target date for manuscripts of August 1, for you by November 1, with approximately 200 pages of typewcript.

In addition to the research topics, we should solicit a clinical section, preferably in Q. and A. form to satisfy the more directly practical questions. This should encompass about 15-20% the text. There may also be a theoretic overview to review the theories of the mode of action of ECT and suggestions as to research needs.

Please review the attached list of potential contributors and subjects.

Some technical questions.

- (1) Is there a budget for a fee for contributors?
- (2) We have an MT-ST and if we retype the texts, the tapes may be made available. For some publishers this is a distinct saving. Is it for Grune and Stratton, and shall we plan on this technique?
- (3) Is there a budget for secretarial (editing) expenses?

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(4) While I understand the copyright will accrue to the publisher, and the probability of royalties slim for the journal edition, I do believe we should negotiate an understanding regarding royalties in the event the issue is highly successful and is re-issued in soft-cover and in hard cover - particularly the latter. I am sure you already have a standard agreement and this should be reviewed.

What happened in Dartmouth? In the rush I forgot to ask. If you're not interested, I am.

Expenses for the trip on Monday were air fare (\$52.00) and ground (\$14.25) for a total of \$66.25.

Thanks again for the invitation to contribute to Seminars.

Sincerely yours,

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