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Dear Dr. Graettinger,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of your consideration of **Edward Coffey, M.D.** for the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry. I have known Ed for about 8 years, first through his research studies at Duke University, then in our association as teachers of convulsive therapy at various teaching sessions throughout the country, as editors of *Convulsive Therapy*, and as members of neuropsychiatric societies. Ed and I have not worked directly in research, but our common interests in neuropsychiatry, seizures, and ECT have led to many discussions.

Ed is well trained in psychiatry, neurology, and neuroradiology. His record as a researcher is outstanding. He is the nation's leader in applications of MRI technology to problems of changes in brain function with depression, aging, ECT, and drug therapies. He has recently edited a book on neuropsychiatry and a few years ago edited a volume on advances in ECT, both for the American Psychiatric Press.

He is an excellent teacher and speaker; a man of high moral character and impeccable manners. Ed is a family man; he has three children and is happily married. [I have met him and his family on numerous occasions.] He is well liked by his co-workers and by his peers.

He is at the right age and with the right record to consider dedicating the next few years as a chairman. In October, when the chairman of our Department resigned, I recommended Ed among three clinician/scientists to the search committee. I would be delighted if he were to join our faculty.

I appreciate his record, his personality, and his dedication, and recommend him for the position of leadership with enthusiasm. I trust these comments are helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry  
and Neurology