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Dear Frank,

Ah, I wish deletion was as easy as your note suggested !
But, I have deleted slightly more than two pages; added a five line
reference to an important paper by Avery and Winokan; and removed
11 citations. I think the paper is improved, and hope your editors
will agree.

I am pleased that you have decided to publish the papers
at the meeting, including Dr. Friedberg's. I agree that there will
be some protest, but I think that it was important for the Association
to allow its critic to have the floor. After all, we have invited
Tom Szasz on more than one occasion.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

June 9, 1976

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Dear Frank,

Enclosed are two draft copies of the report "Myths of Shock Therapy" for your consideration for the Journal. This report was presented at the panel, "Electroconvulsive Therapy: Current Perspectives", at the May 1976 meeting of the APA, and organized by Carl Salzman. You should have received (or will receive) papers from the other participants. We do hope that they will meet your standards, and that they may be published together as a group of topical papers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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