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Dear Turan,

Again, I must tell you how much we enjoyed your visit. I think we accomplished quite a lot and I look forward to visiting with you after the California trip.

First, I have read the TRP drug evaluation study protocol dated 3/8/67 which you asked me to check. The study design is straightforward and I found no significant objections. Since I am particularly interested in the rating, I paid attention to the section on page seven. This schedule of rating is satisfactory, with the only proviso that every effort should be made to have the ward nurses rating the patients be the same nurses for each group of patients, wherever possible. I believe the patients will be on more than one ward. In the same fashion that you are asking the same physicians to rate each patient throughout the study period, perhaps the nurses should also be named and an effort be made to identify those who accept the responsibility for the ratings of this study.

Enclosed is a retyped protocol for the very high dosage fluphenazine study, projected for Istanbul. If this is satisfactory, please call me and I will send out the original.

I have read the laboratory paper again, and am just as pleased now as I was some months ago. I am not clear whether

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we agreed that I should send copies to each of the ECDE investigators, or whether you would. I would be glad to do so if you and Mike approve.

My best regards to Ellen.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
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P.S. I have just read the booklet on psychiatric and clinical rating scales once again. It is most useful and an excellent idea. May I suggest that you add a specific item identified as 1A or as number 8, in which the Turkish modification of the rating scales are included with a single page description stating that the translation was made for a specific project, but that the principles are applicable to other collaborative study programs.

Either with this addition or without it, would it be possible to supply me with three additional copies of this publication #2 (1967)?

Many thanks.