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Dr. D. Vorster  
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Dear Dr. Vorster:

I should like to answer the questions of your letter of March 26th in as frank a manner as possible. The salary-of \$14,500 is the present level for Senior Research Scientists who are coming from over-seas with your experience. Allowances for the D.P.M. are now under going review. There is a special salary differential for physicians who are accredited by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. The Director of the Division of Mental Diseases has recently proposed the same salary differential for physicians who have the D.P.M. from McGill, and other principal training centers of Great Britain. Late last month one of the Senior Professors of Great Britain visited with us and met with the training committees of the Institute. His recommendations are being forwarded to the appropriate State authorities and it is our hope that we will have a favorable decision during the next few months.

In general, the salaries of the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry are so set as to be closely related to those of the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University and in the event that that Department's salaries change, we have the authority to change ours comparatively.

At the present time, there is a Youth Center established at the St. Louis State Hospital. This center is under the supervision of Dr. James Anthony, the Professor of Child Psychiatry at Washington University. At the present time, he is developing a

large scale research program and it is probable that he will use these facilities for some research.

The position that is available is in the program with Dr. Sam Gershon. This program has a number of facets which include a) a study of electrolytes in mental disease and the present phase of the study is centered around a trial of Lithium salt in the treatment of manic-depressive disease; b) a study of drug induced anxiety and c) the one with which it is proposed you will be primarily associated - a study of anti-cholinergic psychotomimetics and their antagonists. The antagonists in this study are structurally a completely new group of compounds.

Enclosed is a copy of our latest annual report and this will give you a better picture of the scope of programs and other pertinent information at the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.  
Director

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