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Dear John:

First, let me apologize for our inability to reach you last week. A combination of driving on the wrong side of the road through the heaviest traffic that London could present, after a few days of continuous excitement and activity, was too much for our driver and ourselves. I am grateful, however, that you were patient and had the opportunity to meet with Sam Gershon. I hope you liked him, because his report of his meeting was a fine one.

While in Birmingham, George Ulett and I had occasion to discuss other studies in England relating electrolytes and their changes to the behavior of psychiatric patients. This work interests us very much, as indeed it has Dr. Gershon for a number of years. I believe that we have both the facilities, the supporting laboratories, and the interest to provide a suitable framework for such study programs.

With this in mind, I should like to encourage you to consider an appointment here. May I have a copy of your curriculum vitae and permission to write to one or two references? In my letter to Jim, which I am sending by this same post, I have summarized our meetings and have already asked him to send me such a letter.

If this opportunity interests you, and I do hope it does, it would be most helpful if you would also make some notes regarding the kinds of specialized equipment that may be necessary to support these programs. With your curriculum vitae and this latter information, I should be able to answer some of the questions you raised with Dr. Gershon which he had to defer.

Thank you very much for visiting with us in London, and for your understanding with our interrupted return visit.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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