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*F. Letters*

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Dr. J. Kiffin Perry  
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Dear Dr. Perry,

Your exhibit of a citation and abstract search for epilepsy abstracts at the International EEG meetings in San Diego was most interesting. The search worked well and the available data base will be most useful.

Some years ago, at the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry, my associates and I developed a similar system for the IBM 1710 for the specific subjects of EEG and Human Psychopharmacology. We elected to use citations and uniterms, and after one year's experience found that the abstract or summary was preferable to the uniterm or the QWIC index methods. Funds, however, were not available, and we abandoned the project.

The availability of your system and the data base is most exciting, and I am writing to enquire under what conditions we may make use of the system. We have an IBM 360/40 at the College with the usual IBM terminals as well as some specialized scope terminals. Our computer center is dedicated to the servicing of the professionals of the College, including the Departments of Neurology and Psychiatry--for whom your data base may be useful. Is there any provision for our application for the use of your system ?

Is there any provision for the extension of your data base to include other abstracts of NIH, such as Psychopharmacology Abstracts of NIMH ?

Thank you for your cooperation, and our best wishes for the success of your project.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
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