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Dear Dr. Priest:

Thank you very much for your inquiry. The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is the research and training center of the Division of Mental Diseases of Missouri. It was established in October, 1962, with laboratory and clinical facilities for research. At the present time, of 150 beds, we are utilizing 70 for research purposes. Laboratories have been established in pharmacology, psychology, and a computer center for both clinical and EEG analyses. There is a specialized psychiatric research library as a component part of the Institute. Animal facilities are now being built.

In addition, there is a fully qualified three-year psychiatric residency training program at the Institute, and a special training program in clinical psychology is being established. Both in the research programs and in the training programs, the Institute is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University School of Medicine.

At the present time, there are a number of research programs in progress. These include Lithium as a therapy for mania; the use of Yohimbine as a precipitant of anxiety and the development of antianxiety agents; relation of EEG patterns and organic factors in the treatment of therapy resistant psychotics; computer analysis of the electroencephalogram; the effects of drug withdrawal on behavior in the chronically ill; and the treatment of psychotics by nurse relationship therapy.