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Dr. Walter Essman  
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Dear Walt,

My associates and I very much enjoyed your visit, and we look forward to our collaboration in studies of the ECT process.

To confirm our understanding, we will re-write the protocol of our next study to allow the collection and assay of CSF before and at various times after seizures. We will be responsible for the behavioral, memory and EEG data, trusting to use your facilities for the chemical assays.

As soon as practicable, you or one of your associates, will recommend a technician who will be appointed to our staff. I would appreciate your recommending a salary range and working hours; and we will establish the salary and perquisites.

The Association is a non-profit corporation which supports various research efforts in mental health and for the past few years has assisted me in supporting this ECT program. I am pleased that the Association will appoint you as Consultant in Biochemistry, for an indefinite term at an annual salary to be negotiated.

While our funds for equipment are limited, we are more liberal in "supplies" and "personnel" and should be able to honor such reimbursement requests as may be agreed upon.

We look forward to working together. In the event the data is publishable, it has been our practice to defer the presentation to the scientists most intimately responsible for the data collection. I would hope the results will warrant publication and further study, and in the processing of support applications, I would urge the use of the agency of IAPR.

I believe this is the essence of our discussion. I welcome this association, as do my co-workers.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Executive Director

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