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Dear Russ,

Your personal letter describing the opportunities at the Maryland Psychiatric Institute was most inviting and interesting.

First, as to myself, for that was implied in the letter. I have no desire to head a laboratory center again, having had the experience in Missouri and finding that the administrative load kept me from the studies which I enjoyed more.

The best of my students are recently placed in new positions. Jan Volavka, M.D. has just taken a position in Missouri, in my old center. Michael A. Taylor and Richard Abrams, both excellent researchers, have just agreed to go to the Chicago Medical School.

The ones who may be movable and who come to mind are the following. Turan Itil has set up a large center in New York at the New York Medical College. But funding is quite difficult and if he could be assured of 'hard money', he may consider such a position.

Recently, I met with Jerry Tinklenberg in Palo Alto. He is a bright young researcher, but probably does not have enough experience to take Al Kurland's place.

Donald Klein has resigned from Hillside and has expected an appointment at the Albert Einstein College. But Ed Sachar may be moving, so he may be up in the air and may be interested in a lab with 'hard money'.

These are the only three with whom I have had some personal contact during these past few months. I shall keep the opportunity in mind, and if another candidate comes to my attention, I will refer him (her) to you.

My best regards and my thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely yours,

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