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Dear Jon:

These last few weeks, since my visit to Washington, have been quite busy and Sam, Turan and I have completed and submitted three applications to NIH. I am writing to bring these to your attention. The applications are:

1. Sam Gershon and Max Fink; "Antagonists to Anticholinergic Psychotomimetics". This application is for the survey of new compounds using antagonism to ditran as a screen. It encompasses animal studies, toxicity study under contract with PSC, and early clinical drug evaluation of any new compounds developed. (This is the application which you thought would have to go to a special committee, since I am a member of the clinical committee.)

2. Sam Gershon; "Psychopharmacology of the Lithium Ion". This is a straight forward application for testing of efficacy of Lithium and /N the treatment mania using chlorpromazine as a control; and associated the metabolic studies, all under dietary control. (This application was the one that you thought would go before the regular psychopharmacology committee.)

3. Turan Itil and Max Fink; "Therapy Resistant Psychosis and New Drugs". This is our program to study the problem of treatment resistance. It is directed to determine the relevance of neurophysiological factors and treatment failure. (This is an application which logically should go to the clinical committee as it falls within the programs in which the committee expressed an interest.)

I would be very grateful if site visits could be arranged for each of these programs.

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George successfully engineered his three treatment centers through the Missouri legislature. In addition, he achieved the full support approved by the Governor for the Institute. We are all excited because the support given him is a hallmark of the esteem which he has developed amongst the politicians in Missouri.

Sol has joined the staff and with most of the administrative hurdles overcome, we are now getting down to serious research work.

I plan to be in St. Louis until mid-August. If the opportunity presents itself for you and Cathy to visit with us, Martha and I would be delighted. I have just returned from driving Martha to New York where she is spending ten days. I expect her in St. Louis on July 14.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.  
Director

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