

Personal

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Mr. Rudolph Sommer
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Dear Rudy:

Martha and I were delighted with the announcement of your new association. I hope that this association will fulfill the promise which it holds at the present time. If I remember New York you are in the stamp district and nearby are the wonderful shops where one can buy hundreds of nick-nacks for ridiculously low prices. When I was younger, I spent many a Saturday in the stamp auctions and know the district well.

Martha is busy at school and enjoys it very much. The children are well and except for Jonathan's skiing, have adjusted magnificently to Missouri's weather, schools and playmates. It has been two years since I came to Missouri to establish this center and now many of my wishes are being fulfilled as, effective January 1, we become a new Department of Psychiatry of the University of Missouri. The tribulations of trying to develop a Research Center unaffiliated with a Medical School are probably over, and I can see much clearer sailing and much easier work in the next few years. Our laboratory is now well equipped and well staffed and I am excited by the opportunities it presents. There is always, however, a gnawing feeling that we missed much for not being in New York. The few rapid visits that we have made served to assuage our immediate needs but again and again we find our thoughts returning to the East. Indeed, I am now busy establishing a number of research projects in collaboration with my former friends in New York so that I would have legal justification and the financial basis for more frequent trips. I look forward to seeing you on one of these occasions and hope that Martha will be able to join me.

Martha joins me in extending you and Evelyn the best for 1965.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director

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