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Dr. Mary Nutt Smith  
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Dear Mary:

I think it has been as long as nineteen years since we last met, and I am writing today because I have had a pleasant lunch with Ray Knowles, during which he reminded me of my relationship to you.

Two years ago, when he applied to NIH for the research programs at Kentucky State Hospital, I was on the committee that reviewed those applications. As I read your name, I was sure that we had met and after reading your c.v., was pleased that the committee had approved the program, realizing that one of my classmates was in it.

It seems to me that many of our classmates have gone into psychiatry. Barbara Fish is a principal investigator in psychopharmacology with children. She is the only other full time researcher that I know.

Many others, including Dave Friedman, Sy Berg, Arthur Zitrin (he has one of the top positions in New York), Salo Rosenbaum, Al Cronson and Herb Wieder ... these are the ones who come to mind immediately, but I think there were others. Marv Gersh, for example, spent a few years in psychiatry and then went back to pediatrics.

I have been in St. Louis for about a year and a half, and have been very excited by the opportunities presented here. We have created a research center and I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of our first annual report.

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For the first few months after leaving New York, living in St. Louis appeared to have many disadvantages, but as the months went on and my children have found school and companions, we like the Midwest more and more.

As Ray may have told you, we are fully accredited for a three year residency program. We have been awarded three G.P. residency stipends by the National Institute of Mental Health, and these will be appointed for July, 1964. I would be most pleased if you would consider an appointment here.

Looking forward to seeing you once again, and my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Director

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