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Dear Dr. Bradley:

It is a pleasure to accept the invitation of the Program Committee of the CIMP to participate in the planning of a symposium on Neuropharmacology. I look forward with keen anticipation working with you. Following the Committee's suggestion, I am taking this opportunity to open our discussions with the following tentative suggestions.

Various meetings on the general subject of EEG and psychopharmacology review changes induced by psychotropic drugs in psychotic subjects, emphasizing differences between schizophrenic and depressive subjects and portraying drug specific patterns (Montreal, 1961); a general overview of EEG and behavior (Yale, 1963); methodology of computer techniques (Washington, 1964); and drug effects in depressive disorders (1965). These presentations were primarily focussed on human observations. In the recent Society of Biological Psychiatry meeting animal and human EEG data were brought together on the special subject of "Anticholinergic Hallucinogens." Participants in this symposium included Leo Abood, Richard White, Turan Itil, and W. P. Wilson. The discussion and presentations were quite good and because of time limitations barely presented the raw material of which there was a considerable amount. (If you wish, I can send you draft copies of these manuscripts.) As the subject was of great interest, perhaps a similar subject can be considered for the CIMP. The problem of cholinergic mechanisms in brain function is of mutual interest, and such a subject would permit discussions of anticholinergic drugs including hallucinogens, anti-parkinson agents, atropine and scopolamine, cholinergic mechanisms in ECT, and the cholinergic aspects of various psychotropic drugs.

A second area of focus is the perennial problem of the dissociation of EEG and behavior. Related to this subject is the prognostic value of EEG data for the therapeutic efficacy of psychotropic drugs; EEG changes in animals as a prediction of the effects in man; and in man, the prediction of the general effects of drugs and the specific prediction in individual subjects.

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Do any of these suggestions provide a focus for us?

I am planning to attend the International EEG Meetings in Vienna early in September. Perhaps we can meet in London to discuss the program? My present plans are to leave New York on Saturday, August 28, and I can be in London on Sunday afternoon, August 29. If we could arrange to meet, we can spend a few hours planning the program and this might be easier than an exchange of letters.

As to other matters, I am enclosing a check for my dues for the CINP for 1965. Incidentally, some months ago I received the galley proofs of one presentation from the 1964 meetings, but not the other (EEG Patterns with Combined Drug Treatments in Psychotic Patients; Drug Induced Dissolution of Cortical Electrical Activity; and Therapeutic Investigations in Therapy Resistant Schizophrenic Patients). May I inquire as to the status of these manuscripts?

I look forward to working with you in this symposium next year, and hope that we may be able to meet in London next month.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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