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Dear Joe:

In thinking about your wish for a young psychiatrist, there are two men on my staff, Jan Volavka, and Richard Abrams who have good backgrounds and are interested in leaving New York for sunnier climes. Their curriculum vitae are attached.

Volavka is a fine electroencephalographer, good statistician, and a methodical and industrious worker. He is new to the grants systems, and has been sponsored by me, so has no active grants programs. He is the principal scientist in my heroin study MI-19476. His publication list is extensive, and his work is of high quality, so that I am confident he will be able to establish a program.

Abrams is younger, a clinician who has worked actively on my ECT study program. He is the principal worker of my ECT grant MI-15561, and in charge of the psychopharmacology clinic's new drug evaluations.

I am willing to "release" these men since they have grown here but are restive because of New York's many hassles.

Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

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