

May 18, 1964

Mrs. Lorraine Corden
5947 Highwood Road
Castro Valley, California

Dear Mrs. Corden:

Mrs. Maxine Farmer, MSW, of Oakland, California, has applied for a position as a Research Social Worker at this institute. The present programs of this institute are devoted to studies of the severe mentally ill and specific interest is being placed on determining the physiological, psychological and social factors that contribute to prolonged hospitalization and treatment failure.

In social work, we are anxious to have workers who are able to relate to families and to help the patients return to the community as early as possible. In the latter role, it is important that our associates be able to work with community agencies, family members and the various rehabilitation and work services in the community.

I would be grateful for your opinion as to Mrs. Farmer's abilities in this regard, as well as any information regarding her training, experience and her ability to relate to the severe mentally ill and also her co-workers.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director

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