

May 21, 1970

Dr. Jerome Levine
Chief, Psychopharmacology Research Branch
National Institute of Mental Health
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Ref: MH 13358-04
(MH 18172-01)

Dear Dr. Levine:

I am writing to request a re-allocation of the funds of MH 13358-04 to allow the purchase of the IBM 1800 system, now on a rental basis at this center. This request requires no additional funds from NIMH and will make this facility available for continued EEG analyses in psychopharmacology at the annual cost of maintenance.

Specifically, we request the transfer of \$71,000 from the category "Other" to "Equipment," thus reducing "Other" to \$10,000 and increasing "Equipment" to \$77,500.

This total purchase price of our system, based on the credits for rental is \$136,945.

The additional funds are available from MH 18172, where \$48,000 has been allocated for equipment to process the studies of the neurophysiology of cannabis. Purchase of the 1800 will permit the analyses of the cannabis data for a \$4000 annual maintenance charge.

The balance of \$12,000 is available in funds of the Department of Psychiatry and their allocation to this project are approved by the Chairman, Dr. Alfred M. Freedman.

This proposal will make the equipment available to these study processes beyond the period of MH-13358. In the event that these programs are discontinued the equipment will be available to NIMH for other scientific applications.

As I discussed with you, we have carefully assessed other instruments, notably the PDP-12 and PDP-15 which are being recommended in similar studies; and while the initial outlay is slightly less than the IBM 1800, the expense of re-programming and the interruption in ongoing programs make the approach to continued work less attractive.

Our present rental cost is \$4330/month. We are predicating this request on an expeditious approval of the transfer of funds, effective June 1, 1970 or July 1, 1970 at the latest.

Many thanks for your consideration and patience.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

cc: Dr. Robert Petersen
Chief, Ctr. for Studies
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APPROVED:

Alfred M. Freedman, M.D.
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