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Dear Reese,

Fritz met me at the cafeteria on Friday and shared the story of your dilemma, so your letter was not a total surprise. I am delighted to write a supporting document, and attach it to this note. I will send these by Fax, and the original will be sent directly to the committee.

Yes, Fritz has 'eliminated' an ECT Service, and yes, he thinks he is Jesus reincarnated, and he does not realize he has taken a first-class department under Stan Yolles and created a pseudo-neuroscience program with hardly a single psychiatric redeeming feature. No wonder our resident applicants are mainly from off-shore schools.

But the elimination was accompanied by a substantial raise in my salary and no additional duties, so after being upset for a few weeks, I have settled down to treating my 'private' referrals. The shift gives me a chance to look, once again, at my pharmaco-EEG experience, an experience which I have neglected for some time in favor of ECT.

I hope the letter is helpful. Let me know if there is more that I can do.

My regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry