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Dear Jim:

The past two weeks, since leaving you, have been exceptionally thought provoking. My visit with you was a stimulating one, to say the least, for I think you made clear the importance of creative work for people like ourselves. While I have had many doubts during this year regarding the significance of what I may have accomplished since coming to Missouri, the clarity with which you criticized my work made me feel that I had little recourse but to go back to the laboratory immediately and perhaps justify the existence of this laboratory, not by the work of others, but by my own. Perhaps this can be done in the next year, and I look forward to meeting with you at some near future time with more data and fewer administrative explanations.

The meetings in Birmingham were fair from our point of view. We missed the presence of many of the electroencephalographers and neurophysiologists who have had experience with quantitative EEG, drugs, and clinical populations. There were only a few of us who could carry on the discussions and as we left, Turan, George and I felt that there was need for a full scale meeting of people interested in EEG quantification and psychiatric problems. Indeed, we thought we would like to suggest it to you - since London is such a central location, that you might try to organize a meeting, perhaps under the aegis of the EEG Society, of people like yourself, Laidlaw, Shagass, your friend Harding, and others who may be better known to you whose interest in EEG quantification may make it possible to discuss not only the methods, but their relation to clinical behavior.

While in Birmingham, Turan and I visited Graham Harding at the College for Advanced Technology. He is a delightful fellow, and it was a most rewarding visit. He knew some of the people in the

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United States who are carrying out work similar to his, and we spent a most pleasant two hours. I knew little of his application of Kendall's concordance but would like to see how this may be related to our own work.

Perhaps most important is the pleasant visit that George and I had with John Dawson. We spent a most pleasant few hours discussing his work and at the end of which, with your kind permission, I asked whether he would be interested in coming to our laboratories. He said he would like to consider it, so we tried to arrange for another meeting just before we left England. As you may already know, we had great difficulty in getting to Runwell and it seemed most expedient to have Sam Gershon, our pharmacologist, visit with him. Sam came back to the States with a very fine report and I am writing to Dawson, encouraging him to consider an appointment with us. Our procedure in processing such appointments at the present time is somewhat simpler than two years ago since the relationships with other agencies have been clarified; however, I would like very much to have a letter of reference from you concerning the extent of your collaboration, your estimate of his abilities as a bio-chemist, and any other comments you wish to make which I can use to present to the Dean and the appropriate committees of the University.

With regard to a major portion of our discussion concerning your own future, I am sure, indeed I am confident, that you must and will continue your research programs even if you have to devote a good part of your energies to becoming a "famous man". Good luck, and my many thanks to Sheila for her hospitality and dinner. Jonathan extends his thanks to Neil for the cricket ball, which has become a centerpiece in his bookcase and I hope an object that we will use this coming weekend.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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