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Dear Russ:

I was very grateful for your kind letter and invitation as well as reprints. Max and Bob thank you for your consideration. We were pleased to read of your opportunity. We know if no finer institution for psycho-analytic studies than Tavistock Institute and congratulate you on taking advantage of what promises to be a fine educational experience.

Back here, there have been many changes. Dr. Robbins has taken over and his positive approach is apparent to all. Do you recall the many problems in moving patients from the ward to the cottages and occasionally back again? In June Mort Wachspress and my staff convinced Lew to create a no-movement ward in Low I. Patients have been admitted directly to this unit and have remained there for their hospital stay. This has worked out well and effective December first the hospital is divided in sections, each of which is a living space for patients during their total hospital stay. Also, the hectic matter of admissions and waiting lists is being modified, so that at present there is no waiting list.

In our own program, we have completed our convulsive therapy studies. We are now involved in a double-blind fixed dosage schedule multiple drug evaluation program. This program has had a significant impact on everybody - staff and patients alike. So far, a few patients have completed the initial study period and we are very enthusiastic. With luck, we should be able to say something intelligent about pharmacotherapy in 1962.

Dr. A. Russell Lee (Contd)

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You may know that Bob Kahn is leaving to work with Sy Perlin in Montefiore. Otherwise our staffing pattern is about the same although, with the third year training program approval in site I envisage some changes in attitude including a greater interest in fellowships.

I plan to be in Basle in July and, time permitting, I should like very much to visit Tavistock Clinic and also the Maudsley. I shall write to you beforehand if I can make arrangements.

My best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

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