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Dear Turan,

I find the report for the Transcultural Symposium very good. In the discussion, I would make two suggestions.

Prien & Cole, in summarizing the high dose chlorpromazine data, make some suggestions that dosage is a factor in the treatment of certain schizophrenics, particularly in relation to age. I believe it would be helpful if their views were referred to in the discussion.

During the past few years, there has been some discussion about 'enzyme induction' as an aspect of the metabolism of drugs which may affect the efficacy of drugs in some patients. Prior experience with drugs permits the tissues to learn how to metabolize or how to adapt to high tissue levels of the most toxic agents. A good example is the development of tolerance to opiate and hallucinogenic drugs. This, too, may be a useful aspect of the discussion, particularly since it provides an alternate explanation to the genetic hypothesis.

I have just returned from Athens, where I found the study progressing very well. The initial case-finding phase should be completed by the end of the summer, and I hope to spend a few weeks in the actual examinations after the Würzburg meetings.

I trust you will enjoy the second half of your sabbatical, and should you have the occasion to stop in New York en route, my home is open and your welcome is always assured. My best to Ellen.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.