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During this period, Miss Hickman has been responsible for data processing, machine operation, and the integration of this unit with the larger center at Washington University. During the period from February 1964, to October 1, 1965, she was directly responsible to me. Since October 1, 1965, she has been directly responsible to the Director of this facility, Dr. Donald M. Shapiro. She has been an integral part of numerous study programs under my supervision, including such special aspects as the quantification of analog EEG signals and the library study programs for information retrieval.

Throughout this period I have found Miss Hickman most diligent, cooperative and pleasant. She has assumed responsibility and exercised this with tact, discretion, and excellent judgment. She has developed the facility to manage this installation, consisting as it does of an IBM 1710 with numerous specialized devices for the handling of analog signals, including tape recorders. She is well liked by her associates and I have always found it a pleasure to work with her.

A major part of the program with which I have been identified will be terminating at this Institution in the Fall of 1966, as I am relocating in New York.

I would recommend Miss Hickman for the duties and services for which she is capable without reservation and would commend her as an excellent co-worker.

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