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Dr. Denis Leigh  
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Dear Dr. Leigh:

For many years I have been interested in the applications of electroencephalography to psychiatry. At the 1961 World Congress of Psychiatry I chaired a symposium on EEG and Human Psychopharmacology, which was summarized in the EEG Journal, 1963. In subsequent years, meetings of psychiatrist - electroencephalographers have been held in association with the German CINP, the Society of Biological Psychiatry, the CINP in Washington and the latest, in association with the International EEG in San Diego. This latter meeting was held in my laboratories in New York on September 25, and was attended by 24 visitors from nine countries. It was the consensus that similar meetings should be held and ideally the members agreed that the World Psychiatric Association represented the best forum.

Recently, Dr. Jonathan Cole brought to my attention the fact that the WPA has established sections on diverse aspects of psychiatry. Prior to my discussion with Dr. Cole, I had written to Dr. de la Fuente regarding a symposium on EEG and psychiatry during the Vth International Congress in Mexico City in 1971. He expressed interest in this suggestion and planned to discuss it with the Executive Committee.

I am writing to propose the establishment of a section of EEG and Psychiatry within the World Psychiatric Association. It is my belief that there is general interest in the applications of this tool, developed 40 years ago by the psychiatrist, Dr. Hans Berger, and I believe such a section will not only be productive for the scientists directly involved, but also for the many psychiatrists of diverse interests who attend the World Congresses.

May I have your advice on how to proceed?

Sincerely yours,

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