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Dear Jonathan,

Your invitation to discuss convulsive therapy with the residents has inspired me to review my files and to consider the citations that I would suggest for background reading.

The best texts are those of Kalinowsky and Hoch (Somatic Treatments in Psychiatry, Grune and Stratton, 1961) and Sargant and Slater (An Introduction to Physical Methods of Treatment in Psychiatry, Williams and Wilkins, 1964).

Attached is a list of citations which assess some of the important issues in convulsive therapy. The list is not exhausted and I have selected the article for clarity. No effort has been made to be complete.

Separately, I am sending you xerox copies of each of the articles and this may be useful for the residents.

I plan to arrive at your hospital about 10:30 a.m. and would be pleased to spend some time with Dr. Hartmann.

Your comments about the review of EEG and drugs are cogent. On re-reading I agree that this is too much of a summary and a longer version should be prepared. I would like to discuss this with you when I am in Boston.

I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,

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