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Dear Dr. Polvan:

Turan has read to me the scientific portions of your latest letter. The procedures which have been outlined to provide a demonstration project will do much to provide the basis for support for extensive collaborative studies. That you have undertaken a study with fluphenazine enanthate is encouraging, since we have a parallel study now in progress. In discussing the program with Turan, the suggestion that a study of butaperazine be undertaken seemed the best second proposal. For this study, he will contact the representatives of the A. H. Robins Company, and will write to you about the negotiations.

Meanwhile, we have had extensive experience with his psychopathological rating scale. We are in the process now of reducing this scale to fewer than its present 140 items. In addition, there is the possibility of providing for the almost automatic analysis of the rating scale, and to do this, we propose to provide identical English and Turkish versions of the scale. When this has been printed, we will send you scales for use in both studies. The demonstration that the rating scale from both laboratories are processed in an identical fashion will do much to provide for the collaborative basis of our studies.

Turan will write you about the concurrent EEG recordings that should be considered.

As our summer schedules are now being prepared, I am looking forward to visiting Istanbul in mid-August. Turan and I are planning to attend the International Congress of Psychology in Moscow during the week of August 5-10. I will probably wish to visit Leningrad for a few days, and should be in Istanbul about August 15-18. I hope that our study program will be established by that time, and that we can use the opportunity of this visit to crystalize any of the remaining questions.

My best wishes for this year.

Sincerely,

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