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Dear Marvin,

I am pleased to submit a report *Family Aspects in Prognosis of Schizophrenia* for your consideration for publication in the *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*.

When last we met in New York, I had already been invited to establish a research program in Missouri. When I examined the populations available, I was impressed that the long term severe mentally ill represented one of our major problems. We established a study of the causes for treatment failure and soon found that we were involved in trying to understand social and family factors as affecting treatment result.

We found the data regarding family factors in prognosis highly confusing and so undertook this review. I believe this review may serve a useful purpose in summarizing the available data and crystallizing for others as it did for us, the variety of opinions.

I trust your program in Buffalo has gone well. If this report meets with the approval of your editorial board, we will modify the citations to fit the style of the Journal.

Thank you for your consideration and my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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