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Dear Harry:

During these past few months I have been preoccupied by all the organizational problems at a new laboratory. I have been fortunate in having some good scientists join me and it is with regard to one of these that I am writing this note.

Dr. Sam Gershon, a pharmacologist and psychiatrist, has been studying for a number of years the effects of anticholinergic compounds and their blocking agents on behavior. Specifically, he has been interested in Ditran and the blocking agent tetrahydroaminacrin. To continue these studies, we are making some patients available from our clinical unit, and are now in the process of establishing our animal laboratories. These will also contain facilities for dogs and will permit animal screening of a wide variety of anticholinergic and blocking agents. However, both he and I are interested more in the studies of cholinergic mechanisms of the nervous system than in describing the effects of compounds. You may recall my abortive attempt some years ago to study the acetylcholine levels in spinal fluid and both Dr. Gershon and I wish to embark on these studies again.

To carry out these studies, we are looking for an associate in biochemistry with specific interest in acetylcholine, cholinergic mechanisms, and neurohumors. I am writing to ask whether you can recommend any members of your society who might be interested in a first rate research opportunity at this research center.

I would be most grateful for your recommendations. My best wishes to Vivian.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Director

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