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Dear Bob,

It has been some time since we have heard from Texas, and I am writing to bring you up-to-date with the programs here, and to ask if your plans for 1971 are sufficiently clear to be discussed. I have just written to Mickey, and have offered him a position in the Division.

During the past month we have negotiated an agreement with Albany that permits us to assume responsibility for Kirby Hospital-- training and research-- and the necessary clinical programs. We plan to start with the MMHC units (5 & 6): we will name the unit directors, send residents from the MMHC pool, and be responsible for teaching and treatment. The director will be Kesselbrenner, who will be part of the NYMC faculty. We asked to have the funds through the College but this was refused, and we will appoint to their budgets. All appointments will be joint, and for the two units the appointments will be to the Division of Biological Psychiatry.

We do not know whether we will divide the 4 units into 1,2,3 or 4 sections, the number depending on the staff we can recruit and the type of research programs we wish to start. ECT and penicillamine are already projected; new drug studies are in the planning stage.

Would you like to join this Division this summer ? If so, I will be pleased to work out the details. (There are so many other projects in the works, that the choice is a good one, now that we have some funds again).

Keep well, and write soon.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.