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Dear Turan,

I have received the material for the clinical laboratory paper and will have, by the time you have received this letter, taken the material to the editor. I have also received your kind invitation to be nominated as a discussant of your submitted paper for the CPA, and accept gladly.

Dr. J. Roubicek of Prague has been communicating with Dr. Freedman for a number of years. In his last letter, he indicated that he and two of his associates would be seriously interested in coming to New York for a two year period, to undertake and participate in a study program in schizophrenia. The protocol, a copy of which is enclosed for your consideration, is so remarkably like the program MH-11381, that I am stimulated to send this to you for your critique.

We are going ahead with the development of a relationship with Manhattan State Hospital and with the Department of Mental Hygiene of the State of New York to establish a study unit for the patients who are transferred from the Metropolitan Hospital Community Mental Health Center to a long term facility. This facility will be designated as a specific unit and bear, we hope, close administrative and scientific relationships with the Department of Psychiatry.

With this program in mind, the protocol of Dr. Roubicek has become of specific interest for it provides a reasonable framework for the establishment of a long range study. As I read the notes, I believe that our study program (MH-11381) is considerably more advanced than this protocol, and may provide the basis for a collaboration between ourselves and Dr. Roubicek within the framework of a new unit.

I would be grateful if you would take the time to read these notes and perhaps, we can discuss them on your next visit to New York.

Sincerely yours,

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