

Letters

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AIR MAIL

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Dear Dr. Holliday:

While I have been very much interested in the problem of the interaction of drugs and personality variables, most of my work in this area has been with relation to electroshock therapy. As you may know, it has been my contention that the effects of induced convulsions are to alter the biochemical milieu of the central nervous system, in a fashion not too different than drug therapy. With this model, I would be willing to include the effects of induced convulsions as one type of biochemical change of the nervous system in any review of the interaction of brain chemistry and personality variables. If you wish to consider this, I shall be glad to send the reprints marked in the enclosed publication list.

The references that may interest you with regard to drug therapy are numbers 45, 50, 57, 66, 67, 75, and 78. I am enclosing reprints from this group that are available.

I have little work of my own that would fit in to your general question at the present time. I would recommend, however, that you write to Dr. Max Pollack and Dr. Ira Belmont, my former associates, who have continued with the analyses of the original Hillside Hospital data. Dr. Pollack can be reached at Hillside

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Hospital, and Dr. Belmont at the Department of Rehabilitation, Albert
Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.

Thank you very much for your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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