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Dear Nat,

By now you have probably seen the report in the *Archives*. It appeared about two weeks ago and already I have about fifteen reprint requests. The tear sheets came in this morning and I am enclosing a supply for you. As soon as the reprints come, I will send you some of them.

During the past year Dr. Itil and I have been involved in a study of therapy resistant psychotic patients. In this endeavor, we have approached the problem of the long-term mentally ill patient from neurophysiological, pharmacological and social aspects. It is apparent that many of the patients who remain in our institutions do so because of social factors. As part of this study, we endeavored to review the literature with regard to factors in the family and social class which may influence the prognosis in treatment. This has been codified in two reports which are now being prepared. One, "Family Aspects in Prognosis of Schizophrenia" is enclosed. Insofar as my acquaintance with the literature is limited, I was unable to do more with this report than modify the methods of presentation so that in its present draft, it appears satisfactory to me. However, I would be very grateful if you would take some time to thumb through this article and advise me as to its merits and limitations. Specifically, I would be interested in your suggestion as to whether this has sufficient merit to be published, and if so, where we might send it.

Many thanks for your assistance, and my best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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