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Dear Dr. Gardner,

I am pleased to respond to your request for information regarding my association with Oliver Nikolovski, M.D.

Dr. Nikolovski was a member of the staff of the New York Medical College from 1968 (9) to 1972 when I was Director of the Division of Biological Psychiatry. He was a clinician in the out-patient programs with a keen interest in research. Soon after he joined the clinical staff, he approached me for collaboration and I developed a number of clinical projects in which he was an active participant.

I found him to be a meticulous worker, carrying out the details of the protocols with exactitude. He was reliable and thorough, and each case he developed, he developed carefully and according to the design of the experiment. He was liked by his patients, and he was able to relate well to his associates. On a few occasions, I attended sessions in which he led the resident trainee psychiatrists through some clinical conferences, and I found that he summarized the case findings well and he stimulated considerable discussion among the participants. His diagnoses were clear and occasionally dogmatic.

Dr. Nikolovski is a reliable worker who carries out instructions well. He is neither innovative nor adventurous, and if he were placed in a position in which his missions were spelled out clearly, I believe he would be a productive member of the staff.

I trust these comments are helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.