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Dear Paul,

Our discussion Sunday evening was most stimulating and brought into focus the problems inherent in any teaching program outside a medical training facility. Your suggestion of a survey is a very good one.

With regard to the psychopharmacology sessions, it is apparent that I have misjudged the tenor of the Society in suggesting that a seminar series of national experts be established.

Your second suggestion of an evening to discuss problem cases is also a good one, but in reviewing our discussion I find that I am especially sensitive to a possible reiteration of the same misjudgment. I would rather, therefore, not volunteer to lead such a seminar.

If the membership expresses the need for such a session or sessions and this expression is independent of a named participant leader, then I would be willing to consider an invitation from you to participate. You should know, however, that there are other competent psychopharmacologists in the Society, such as John Whittier and Donald F. Klein.

You will understand that it would be less embarrassing if the announcement were to fail, if it were made independent of my ability to participate.

Many thanks for your comments.

Sincerely yours,

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