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Dear Alick,

Thank you for taking such care of my associate, Peter Irwin. He enjoyed his visits in England and returned somewhat wiser than he left; what more can I ask ?

I would be pleased to have you visit us here. I am not in a position to set up a meeting, since these are ordinarily done by the training staff. However, as soon as you know your schedule, I would be pleased to recommend your invitation to them. As soon as you have an appropriate time schedule, please let me know.

Your suggestion that we automate our testing program is interesting, but probably unfeasible. For many years I dedicated the energies of the laboratory to program development and only recently have I dedicated the work to the application of these methods, as they are, to clinical problems. I have an automatic negative reaction to any suggestions that the present methods be changed, knowing that once I travel down the technical road again, I will be lost for a number of years, and faced with expenditures far beyond my capacity to bear. Say it is a phobic reaction, but that is the present state. Most of my efforts are dedicated to applying the quantitative EEG methods to drug assay, pharmacodynamic assessments, and clinical studies.

I look forward to your visit, and will do what I can.  
My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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