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Dear Norman,

From your card, sent from Downsview, I assume that you have completed your sabbatical studies in Italy. I would be interested in hearing what you learned about the origins of ECT.

Regretfully, in answer to your request, I did not get reprints of the editorial, so send you a xerox copy in its stead. I was impressed with the efforts which went into the report and overall, see it (and the Consensus Conference) as public reviews which, when done fairly, are useful in supporting our present usage.

The material for the final number of CONVULSIVE THERAPY for this year was sent to the publisher on Saturday; and we already have some fine articles for the first numbers of next year.

You may be interested in an argument against ECT just published by the Irish curmudgeon Peter Skrabanek in the Irish Medical Journal (79:157-165, 1986). He has wit and a talent in writing which may make him a more formidable opponent to ECT than Breggin or Friedberg.

My regards.

Sincerely yours,

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