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Dear Dr. Sheth:

Thank you very much for your inquiry. The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is the research and training center of the Division of Mental Diseases of Missouri, located at the St. Louis State Hospital. It was established in October, 1962, with laboratory and clinical facilities for research. At the present time, of 150 beds, we are utilizing 70 for research purposes. Laboratories are established in pharmacology, psychology, and electroencephalography, as well as a computer center for both statistical and EEG analyses. There is a specialized psychiatric research library as a component part of the Institute. Animal facilities are now being built.

In addition, there is a fully qualified three-year psychiatric residency training program at the Institute, and a special training program in clinical psychology is being established. Both in the research programs and in the training programs, the Institute is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University School of Medicine.

At the present time, there are a number of research programs in progress. These include Lithium as a therapy for mania; the use of Yohimbine as a precipitant of anxiety and the development of anti-anxiety agents; relation of EEG patterns and organic factors in the treatment of therapy resistant psychotics; computer analysis of the electroencephalogram; the effects of drug withdrawal on behavior in the chronically ill; and the treatment of psychotics by nurse relationship therapy.

In reply to your specific questions, I should like to state the following. Accommodations are available for rental or for sale within ten minutes of the Institute. When available, we have provided new appointees from overseas with temporary accommodations at the hospital.

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Transportation costs to America can not be paid directly. In rare instances, the Institute has been able to advance a portion of the salary. In general, it has been the established policy of the Institute to provide a salary higher by \$1,000 than the established rate in lieu of a direct payment of transportation. This has the advantage for candidates who remain with the Institute of providing a higher base salary in subsequent years.

There are two programs for which openings exist. One, in the Institute itself where appointees participate in the research programs under the direction of a principal scientist. In this, the major responsibility is for the care of a block of psychiatric patients, providing historical data, visiting relatives, psychotherapy, etc. - all of which are a necessary basis for good psychiatric research.

Other positions are at the St. Louis State Hospital. In these, there are research programs in remotivation therapy, group therapies, and a variety of evaluations of treatment methods (such as home care for the aged) which require the supervision of a competent psychiatrist. These programs are under the direction of the Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr. Ray Knowles. All appointees to the Institute, as well as those appointed to the hospital, participate in the training programs for psychiatric residents and nurses. We are now establishing a program for the training of clinical psychologists and to the extent that various appointees have qualifications that are suitable, they may participate in this program, as well.

I am enclosing a description of the Institute. If this opportunity interests you, I would appreciate a copy of your curriculum vita listing chronologically your educational and professional experience. In addition, a small photograph and the names of at least two referees to whom we may write, would be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
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