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Dear Tom,

Your letter was waiting for me when I returned from St. Moritz, where I had some pleasant meetings, with among others, Dr. Rafaelson. I will be pleased to have you visit anytime between October 25 and 31, as I shall be at the University during that period. The University is about an hour from my home, and about 1.6 hours from midtown New York. If you will let me know what other arrangements you want to make during your stay in the city, I can suggest arrangements that would be most convenient for your stay.

The study of the the MECTA and other currents is needed. One such study is underway by Dr. Richard Weiner (V.A. Hospital, Durham, North Carolina 27705) and a few others have been talked about, but I do not know that they are actually in progress. Dr. Weiner has some data already, and if your visit to the U.S. allows it, you may want to meet with him.

A few weeks ago, I received a careful letter from Dr. Heshe, indicating that I had mis-read the European usage of ECT in delirium. He clarified the issue for me, much as you have done. I think any report in the U.S. journals which indicates that delirium may be an indication for ECT is needed. I regret that the Amer. J. Psychiat. editors rejected the article. If you would like to have it published in the U.S., perhaps you should try Dr. Fritz Freyhan (2015 R.Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009) who is editor of Comprehensive Psychiatry. If you decide to submit it to him, indicate that the usage is different in the two countries, that my book needs amplification, and that I suggested referral to him. Good luck !

Would you be willing to discuss your work with some of our residents during your visit ?

Give my regards to Dr. Rafaelson and thank him for a most pleasant dinner. My regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry