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Dear Fini:

Another year seems to have rolled around, and we are just making our plans for our summer vacation in conjunction with the psychopharmacological meetings in Birmingham. I had hoped to be able to visit Copenhagen this trip, but I find that my scheule is so complicated with business meetings in Tel Aviv, Istanbul and in England that I am going to have to forego the pleasure of meeting with you, unless you and your friends will be attending the psychopharmacological meetings.

The work here has gone along fairly well, although I now realize what others have said - that it takes two years after a move to reestablish a laboratory and collect meaningful data. It has only been during the past few months that I have been able to sit down and review some of my work. The laboratories, however, are functioning very well, especially in neurophysiology, pharmacology, and our computer center. Mostly, the work this year has been in quantifying the EEG changes with drugs, and the methods appear suitable in quantifying other analog signals such as GSR. We are now applying this method to some studies of barbiturate induced changes in EEG, reaction time and behavioral change in a group of long term psychotic subjects. This is part of one of our largest programs - an evaluation of some of the factors which may lead to long term hospitalization of the severe mentally ill.

We are continuing our studies of EEG changes, pneumoencephalograms, and neurology findings and associating these with the family history, and social characteristing of our patient population. We are not sophisticated enough, at present, to undertake the genetic study which you are doing, but look forward to a time in the near future when such information will be added to our studies.

One of our senior scientists, Sam Gershon, plans to be in Copenhagen about the 5th or 6th of August. I am taking the liberty of suggesting that he call you at your office and if you have the opportunity,

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I would be pleased to have him visit the Kommunehospitalet. I believe it would be stimulating for him to see your wards, as I was greatly impressed by their being so especially well supervised and managed, and by the type of care you give your patients.

My associates and I miss Miss Deneke, whose achievements here were quite good. I trust that she is happy and as successful in her new environment.

Please remember us to Hanne. A few nights ago, when Sam and his wife, Lisl, were at our home and told us that they were planning to be in Copenhagen, Martha and I began to tell them of our pleasant visits and soon got out the guide books, and it became obvious to everyone that we had a very pleasant time with you. I hope that we can make it again soon.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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