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Dear Harold:

As is always true, we have most need of a lawyer when he is on vacation. I hope that you have enjoyed yours. I would be most grateful if you could call me prior to the board meeting, as there are a number of problems which require clarification.

I believe that we should go ahead with the program of enlarging the board, even though the illness of Mr. Sachs will prevent the immediate enlargement. However, if the action of the board at this meeting will handicap its action because it will enlarge the number necessary for a quorum, perhaps we should defer this action until we are reasonably sure that we have candidates to fill the additional positions.

We have had no additional information from Mr. Trigg. At the present time, George is acting as if the relationship to the State will continue in an independent fashion; however, he has been very actively involved with the University of Missouri and in trying to establish a relationship with that university, since our attempts at relating to Washington University have failed. There is some possibility that if we relate to the University of Missouri, the position of the Foundation would have to be reviewed.

These are, however, not the problems which face me at the moment. I have a problem with Monsanto Chemical with regard to our use of some of their compounds in experimental studies which we would like to undertake. I have written to them to obtain their support in providing us with the raw materials necessary for this study.

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I have also made an inquiry regarding the feasibility of a formal statement from Monsanto Chemical to the Foundation, regarding the contingency that these new compounds may be highly successful in the treatment of the mentally ill. If so, I would like to be sure that all financial benefits do not accrue to the private corporation alone. Most of the funds used to study these compounds will come both from the State of Missouri and the National Institute of Mental Health. I have been singularly unsuccessful in obtaining their help, even to discuss the question of a formal relationship between the chemical company and the Foundation (Institute). I would be grateful for a few minutes of your time to discuss this problem and, if necessary, to bring it up before the board at its meeting on the 13th.

My second problem is not related to the meeting, but has become urgent because of some actions in the Institute. Last summer, we were critically short of an EEG technician. We advertised in St. Louis and let it be known throughout the state that we would like to employ a technician. None were available. I advertised in Great Britain and received a number inquiries. One girl was appointed, but this was insufficient for our needs. A student at Washington University who was here on a student visa was brought to my attention as someone who was well trained in electroencephalography. I made inquiries and suggested that she work with us. She indicated that she was unable to accept any payment because the law would not permit her to work, since she was on an exchange visa.

She began to work with us on the basis that if she obtained permission from the immigration authorities, we would be able to pay her retroactively. The applications have been made, and there has been considerable communication between the University, the immigration authorities, and my office. This week, we received final notification that the immigration authorities would not allow her to work.

She is an excellent technician. She is able to work on a 60% basis and has maintained her schooling very well. If I calculate the sums owed her to date, it is approximately \$2,000. I do not know if it is worth another effort, but I am aware that an inquiry from an attorney carries considerable weight with most lower echelon administrative people. I should like to discuss this problem with you, and ask your advice as to whether we should or should not attempt to obtain a change in ruling so that we can continue to obtain the services of this excellent worker.

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In many other ways, the program is going along excellently. We have received an award from a Mallinckrodt Foundation in the sum of \$2,500. This will be used to support the traveling expenses of the pharmacologist from Australia and leave us with an additional fund for the Foundation's use.

Please call me if you can before Friday. I am sure that I will be envious of your suntan. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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