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Re: John Kramer, M.D.
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Dr. John Kramer for many years--as a friend, student, co-worker, fellow scientist and fellow teacher. From 1958 to 1962, he was a member of my staff in the Department of Experimental Psychiatry at Hillside Hospital. When I moved to St. Louis, I invited him to join me and was keenly disappointed that he decided to move to the Far West. Since then, I have followed his career as researcher, as administrator in SAODAP, and most recently, at his invitation, I spent a week as visiting teacher at Irvine.

John is a dedicated, resourceful, serious researcher and teacher. He has approached the problems of drug dependence from the innovative point of view of social history. His writings on the roots of our present dilemma in opiate and cocaine use are outstanding. He has carefully distilled centuries of history and has written excellent reports on heroin use and treatment which are important to the present dialogues in heroin maintenance.

In his experimental work, his studies on antidepressants remain as important contributions to a rapidly developing field.

In his teaching sessions, I have found him to be liked by the students, responsive, and through. He presents ideas fairly, and encourages discussion.

I have no hesitation in recommending John Kramer for promotion.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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