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Dear Irl,

Thank you for the invitation to contribute to the APA volume 'Treatment of Tricyclic Resistant Depression'. I will try to get the chapter to you before the stated deadline of July 25, 1986. I have examined my earlier chapter, and I believe that I can re-write it with new data and updates on the literature, in a fashion that should satisfy the managers of both volumes.

Would it not be useful to present some of the evidence for the use of ECT at the Washington APA session as well? The evidence for the efficacy of ECT is as compelling (or more so) than the evidence for the other maneuvers cited in the program. I have to be at another session at the same time, where I am the discussant, but could probably make an appearance at your session for a stated time; or, send one of my associates (Dr. Lawrence Greenberg) with an appropriate short presentation. From the list of presentations, a comment after Preskorn's report, citing the most recent report by Glassman, would seem to be appropriate.

Let me know if this is feasible.

My regards.

Sincerely yours,

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