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Dear Dr. Vorster:

Thank you very much for your inquiry. While there are positions at the St. Louis State Hospital, your qualifications are such that Dr. Kohler has recommended you to my attention.

The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is the research and training center of the Division of Mental Diseases of Missouri. It was established in October, 1962, with laboratory and clinical facilities for research. At the present time, of 150 beds, we are utilizing 70 for research purposes. Laboratories are established in pharmacology, psychology, and electroencephalography, as well as a computer center for both statistical and EEG analyses. There is a specialized psychiatric research library as a component part of the Institute. Animal facilities are now being built. In addition, there is a fully qualified three-year psychiatric residency training program at the Institute, and a special training program in clinical psychology is being established.

At the present time, there are a number of research programs in progress. These include Lithium as a therapy for mania; the use of Yohimbine as a precipitant of anxiety and the development of anti-anxiety agents; relation of EEG patterns and organic factors in the treatment of therapy resistant psychotics; computer analysis of the electroencephalogram; the effects of drug withdrawal on behavior in

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the chronically ill; and the treatment of psychotics by nurse relationship therapy.

Appointments are made in a salary range of \$12,000 to \$14,500. For candidates who have the American Boards of Psychiatry or a specific English equivalent, namely membership in the Conjoint Board, there is an additional salary adjustment.

As you know, accommodations are available for rental or for sale within ten minutes of the institution. While transportation costs to America cannot be paid directly, it has been the established policy of the institution to increase the salary by \$1,000 in lieu of a direct payment for transportation. This has the advantage for candidates who remain with the Institute of providing a higher base salary in subsequent years.

I have taken the liberty of calling Dr. George Winokur, who remembers you well and sends you his personal regards. He has also recommended you.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, I should be grateful for a complete curriculum vita. In addition, I should like a description of your DPM. The best would be a photocopy of the certificate, as this provides the basis for a determination of the salary. In addition to Dr. Winokur who has agreed to write a letter, would you provide me with the names of two additional referees whom I may contact. Finally, I should appreciate a reprint of your publications and any other articles which may now be in press.

Sincerely yours,

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