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Dr. G. M. Baird
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England

Dear Dr. Baird:

Thank you very much for your inquiry. 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 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. Both in the research programs and in the training programs, the Institute is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University School of Medicine.

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

A position as Research Scientist will be available as of October 1, in the program with Dr. Samuel Gershon, who has an active program in determining the effects of new compounds as blocking agents to the Ditrans induced psychosis. For the past year, he has been exploring, both in animals and in man, various agents in terms of

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their blocking the psychosis or disturbed behavior following Ditran. Recordings are made of various physiological variables, behavior, and the EEG.

Appointments are made at an initial salary of \$12,000, with adjustments as may be warranted for research experience and qualifications.

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.

Appointments to this Institute require the satisfactory completion of the E.C.F.M.G. examination. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a brochure describing that examination and would recommend that if you consider coming to the United States, that you undertake this examination as soon as practicable.

I will be in England during the last week in August and can arrange to meet with you at that time to discuss this appointment further.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Director

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