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Dear George,

I received your letter of December 9 and sympathize with the expressions. I am pleased to recommend you for membership in the Society of Biological Psychiatry and will write a letter of reference on your behalf. You may wish to ask C. Shagass or T. Itil to second the nomination.

Membership in the ACNP is more complicated. Each Fellow is allowed one nomination a year, and I have planned to nominate one of my students for 1976. The nominations for 1975 are already closed.

Of the societies that are active, the APPA seems most responsive and perhaps your attendance at the next meeting would permit you to join in the discussion of the issues which you raise. The Society of Biological Psychiatry is not very active in such issues, although there was some interest in the California regulations of EST and leucotomy at the last meeting. Perhaps there will be some activity this year in San Francisco. Abstracts are requested by January 15 for that meeting, and should be sent to Dr. Iver Small in Indianapolis.

The last question is difficult for me. I have no inkling of the program for the 20-year review of the ACNP. You may offer your suggestion to Jerome Levine, Burt Schiele, Philip May, or Al DiMascio, who usually seem knowledgeable about ACNP matters.

Sincerely yours,

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