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Dear Fritz,

Ten days ago I shared the platform at the 100th anniversary celebration of St. Vincent's Hospital at Harrison with Tony O'Connell. In chatting about the journal, Comprehensive Psychiatry, I came to understand that the publisher was requiring a long lead time for articles.

A few days later I was in my publisher's office, Dr. Alan Edelson of Raven Press, reviewing the progress with my book. He talked about a number of new journals that he was setting up and asked what I thought about a new journal in psychiatry or psychopharmacology. Believing that only a very good new journal would serve a useful purpose, and recognizing the effort that went into such a venture, I thought that he might do better by taking over a journal that was already active, but one that could use his drive and publishing-skills. I mentioned my respect for Comprehensive Psychiatry and the little history that I knew. Yesterday, I received a letter in which he asked whether I could tell him any more about the journal.

I have no knowledge of the arrangements with Stratton, or your satisfaction with them. If there is an opportunity to consider moving the journal to another publisher, and if you think it may be useful, would you like to meet with Dr. Edelson to explore the possibilities? At the least, he is an excellent host and raconteur.

Let me know.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry