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Dear Milt,

It is a pleasure to submit the following on behalf of the proposed advancement of Dr. Philip R. A. May to Professor in Residence V. My acquaintance with Dr. May is largely through his publications and in our activities in the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

Dr. May's outstanding contribution has been a study of the treatment of the severe mentally ill by drugs, milieu and ECT. This work clearly demonstrated the efficacy and safety of drug therapy in these patients. Surprisingly, the efficacy of ECT was also demonstrated and in this regard, the reports are among the more important in the literature. For this contribution, he was awarded the Paul Hoch Award of the American Psychopathological Association.

His breadth of interest is seen in his writings in such topics as statistics, prediction of treatment response, psychological tests, rehabilitation, mental health care delivery and nursing. He has also written on natural history topics, particularly in the habits of woodpeckers.

In addition to his teaching of residents in training and medical students, Dr. May is an authority on the treatment of schizophrenia and has prepared cassette tapes for post graduate education on this topic.

He has served as President of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, serving that society well for a number of years.

Dr. May is well known in this nation and overseas for his contributions, erudition, and diverse interests. It is a pleasure to recommend him highly for promotion to Professor in Residence V.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry