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Dear Lew:

Thank you for your wonderful letter from Thursday Island -- such a romantic name! It stimulates the imagination and makes those of us living through Missouri's winter dream of such southern climates.

I am writing to each member of the Board reminding them of the April 5th meeting. Harold had taken care of the reservations and he and George are now working on a proposed agreement with the University of Missouri.

We have completed the final financial reports for the Public Health Service for each of the grants terminating in December and these have been submitted. I anticipate that they will soon instruct us as to the disposition of the balances remaining in some of the funds.

I have requested an inventory of all the equipment bought by the Foundation and will have this available for the meeting. I believe it would be proper for the Foundation to approve the transfer of all the equipment bought with USPH grant funds to the University of Missouri, so that the present grants can continue the necessary maintenance agreements, repairs and modifications as they become necessary. There are a few items, mostly of an office equipment nature which the Foundation has purchased with its own funds, and I will recommend that these items continue to be the property of the Foundation until such time as they are used predominantly by the University of Missouri personnel.

George's program for the State is now before various Legislative Committees and he has told me, and it has appeared in the newspapers that the Legislators have found little to criticize in his program. It appears that he will obtain their support and if anything, he is hoping that the Senate will increase the Governor's recommendations. The Executive Budget for the Institute provides no growth during 1965-66 and I believe that he is anxious to ask for additional funds.

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However, he is cautious and has requested that we take no action until there is a more opportune time. For this reason, I have not contacted Mr. Langenberg. If George changes his mind before the meeting, I will arrange to meet Mr. Langenberg and provide such support as may be necessary. You should know that George is very pleased with the support that the Mental Health Association has been giving him, and indeed I think, if I interpret his comments correctly he is counting on their support when he goes to the Legislative Committees for additional funds.

Dr. Keskiner and Dr. Itil have reduced the medication for Mary so that now she is receiving no active drugs except occasional sedation. Her behavior is insignificantly different from the period of time when she was receiving drugs. Within the next few weeks we will undertake a number of special studies, in the nature of brain wave and language tests, which may be helpful to us in recommending further treatment.

Soak up as much sunshine as you can get and we look forward in hoping you join us in April.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

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P. S. I have just called Harold to ask if he has any message for you. He indicated that he had answered your letter, sending it to your home with a note to be forwarded. As he recalls its contents, the only specific note was that he did not think that a By-Law Amendment was necessary to provide for Board rotation.

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