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Dear Dick,

Some weeks ago we discussed the possibility of a computer demonstration at a meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. In reply, you indicated that the budgets for 1966 were already completed and that participation by your company was no longer feasible for this meeting.

I am writing to request your consideration of a joint effort at the 1967 meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. The point of view that we would like to present would be the role of a small digital computer unit as part of a psychiatric research facility, demonstrating the applicability of the instrument for neurophysiological studies, library routines, on-line experiments, the analysis of rating scales, etc. Such a demonstration would require the availability of a system similar to the 1710 or an 1800.

As you know, I shall be leaving St. Louis and will take up my new position as Professor of Psychiatry at the New York Medical College at the end of June. At that facility, we will have a small computer unit available for similar work and it is my hope that we will be able to continue the studies begun here. In addition, the facility at the Rockland State Hospital is under the direction of Dr. Nathan Kline and he has invited my collaboration in the further development of his computer programs. With these facilities as the supporting instruments, I would be interested in planning a demonstration in 1967.

Since the demonstration may be developed from New York rather than St. Louis, I would appreciate your forwarding this request with your recommendations to the appropriate offices in New York if the cooperation of the St. Louis facility cannot be foreseen under these special considerations.

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

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