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Dr. Joseph E. Barmack  
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Dear Dr. Barmack:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the appointment of Dr. Robert L. Kahn for a teaching position at City College.

I first became acquainted with Dr. Kahn about 1952 when I was a Fellow at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. Dr. Kahn was working with Dr. E. A. Weinstein in studies of language patterns in patients with organic brain changes. As a resident physician, I had the opportunity to observe these studies. I learned much from Bob, and in 1955, when I had the opportunity to establish my own research unit at the Hillside Hospital, I invited him to join me.

During the period 1955-1959, Bob was my co-worker in the Department of Experimental Psychiatry at Hillside Hospital. We were interested in studies of the convulsive therapy process, and Bob stimulated a wide range of studies, including language, social aspects, electroencephalography, the California F Scale, and later, various experimental psychological tasks. It was from him that I learned to differentiate psychological tasks as predictors of change in performance, and as indicators of change in performance.

Throughout this period, I found him to be a patient and understanding teacher and co-worker. Administrative problems provided him with little anxiety, and he was the principal investigator in many studies.

When Dr. Seymour Perlin sought to establish the psychiatric unit at Montefiore Hospital, I was both pleased and unhappy that he asked Bob to become his associate. I regretted Bob's leaving very much, for I felt then, and as I look back, believe now, that he was an unusual catalyst as well as a stimulating co-worker.

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I believe that he has every capacity of becoming a distinguished faculty member and would recommend him highly. He will be a stimulant to the students and a loyal co-worker to the staff.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry

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