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Dear Doctor:

The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is a newly established research center devoted to investigations in psychopharmacology, brain function and behavior. Appointments at the principal scientist level have already been made in pharmacology (Sam Gershon, M. D.), neurophysiology (Turan Itil, M. D.) and psychology (Sol Garfield, Ph. D.). In addition, four clinical psychiatrists are on the staff and are responsible for the patients in the Institute section. A description of the Institute is enclosed.

Initial studies of this program are devoted to the assessment of brain cholinergic mechanisms in behavior and the influence of Lithium ion on blood and spinal fluid electrolytes in psychotic subjects. Laboratory facilities in pharmacology and biochemistry, as well as animal facilities, are now under contract and should be completed by October. Funds for positions at the Institute are provided through the Division of Mental Diseases of the State of Missouri.

If this research possibility is of interest to you, I would be pleased to receive a copy of your curriculum vita and to make the necessary arrangements to discuss this further.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Director

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