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Dear Dr. Lebowitz,

I am writing with regard to the application for support of studies of convulsive therapy (ECT) in the elderly, submitted by Dr. Barry S. Fogel of the Rhode Island Hospital.

Dr. Fogel has consulted with me regarding his research program, and has asked that I continue to act as a consultant, to respond to his requests for advice and to meet with him up to four times each year to review the progress in his studies. I am pleased to accept his invitation, and agree to work with him during the study period.

I am particularly pleased to encourage these studies. In 1981, I participated in a symposium organized by Ed Fann on problems of psychiatric treatments in the elderly. In reviewing the literature, I was impressed by how much work needed to be done.* The studies proposed by Dr. Fogel are clearly needed.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

*Fink, M. ECT in the elderly. In: C. Eisdorfer and W. E. Fann (Eds.): Treatment of Psychopathology in the Aging. Springer Publishing Co., New York, Chap. 7, 97-111, 1982.