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FROM: Max Fink, M.D.

SUBJECT: Chapter in Textbook, Tranquillizers in Psychiatry

I have read the chapter (35.1) as you suggested, and find it quite good and up-to-date. It is easy to disagree with some opinions; to suggest that the emphasis be changed, but any criticism would be minor compared to the major areas of agreement.

If you wish this rewritten, I can do it. The result will be 80% very similar to Denber's article, but the emphasis will be less chemical, more neurophysiological.

You are correct in assessing an absence of data on lithium therapy. Kalinowsky's section on miscellaneous therapy is weak.

My principal hesitation is the personal one of coming into conflict with Hy. Please assess the risks and damage in relation to the gains, and make your decision.

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