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April 30, 1988

Dr. John W. Goethe
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Dear Dr. Goethe and Dr. Ford,

I was so sorry the weather did not hold for your flight on Thursday. I very much understand the frustrations of being at the airport and getting weather reports every 15 minutes, only to decide that the trip had to be cancelled. It is then that instrument rating looks so good.

I had searched the ECT Database for citations to EEG and culled the attached list as those that seemed most relevant. Interest in EEG studies has re-awakened as we have become more interested in the definition of an 'adequate' or 'therapeutic' seizure.

Two other topics have surfaced. Are focal or lateralized post-ECT findings related to treatment outcome; and do focal or asymmetric records predict a good or a bad outcome with treatment.

There is an international association, not well known in this country, that meets every two years to discuss quantitative EEG and psychopharmacology. They occasionally have papers on ECT, but the main benefit of the group is their interest in the problems of quantification. Your 1986 report in Biological Psychiatry is clearly within the interest of the group. The IPEG (International Pharmaco-EEG Group) meets later this year (September 28-October 1) in Kobe, Japan.

Please re-schedule your trip. Weather in May is always better; I did my New York to San Francisco flight in a Cessna 172 in May.

My regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

March 11, 1988

John W. Goethe, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Goethe,

I would be pleased to have you visit our laboratories in April. I expect to be at the University most of the month except for April 14 to 20.

The EEG recordings are mostly done on Thursdays, and a visit on that day would permit us to demonstrate the ongoing work.

I can be reached most mornings at 516-444 2929; and most late afternoons at 516-862 6651. The best time is from 11 a.m. to noon, after I have completed morning rounds.

The University is 60 miles east of New York City on the North Shore of Long Island (Long Island Expressway, Exit 62). The best entry by air is to Long Island MacArthur Airport (20 minutes) or LaGuardia Airport (1.2 hours). If you drive, the Bridgeport/Port Jefferson Ferry brings you about 15 minutes from the University.

Come for lunch and we can have the afternoon together.

I look forward to your visit.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry