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Dear Hy:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 2. It was indeed a surprise, since Jonathan and a special study group had been here on Monday, and he had not mentioned anything about this possible arrangement. Insofar as the Committee felt that the collaborative aspects at the St. Louis State Hospital presented many problems, it was their consensus (with which I concurred) that the EEG collaborative aspects of my supplementary application not be approved.

Insofar as Jonathan was aware that we were not participating in the Chronic Schizophrenia Collaborative Study, I decided to call him and share with him the contents of your letter. I did so Friday afternoon, and he suggested that he would discuss this with you. I indicated that if you were able to produce compatible magnetic tapes (compatible with our tape machines, as Ampex FR1300 or SP300), we should be able to undertake analyses. We would have to appoint a technician who would work in the late afternoon and early evenings with our analyzer equipment. The only other major detail would be the training of your technician to assure satisfactory recordings on tape.

Both Turan and I are interested in such a collaboration. I believe that it would be best if Jonathan faced the hurdles which made it difficult for us to carry out this study, and if he finds it possible, we will cooperate to the best of our ability.

Sincerely yours,

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