

December 9, 1965

Dr. Abraham Wikler  
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Dear Abe:

By now you know that Al Freedman has invited me to join his staff and to participate in his addiction study program. I look forward to this opportunity because it will provide me with a new population and new challenges as well as permitting me to return to a community in which I have deep roots. I have just received an announcement from one of my friends in Nassau County telling me of the symposium in which you recently participated. I regret that I did not know of this before the meeting, for I would very much have liked to attend. In reading the program I find that your presentation describes your views of conditioning as a factor in the drug addiction process. I would be very grateful if you could make a copy of this report available to me.

In response to Al Freedman's request I have asked one of my assistants to undertake a review of the effects of addicting drugs on the electroencephalogram and she has provided me with a selected bibliography. I believe that the citations include the more definitive reports, but I'm sure that we have omitted a good number of them. I would be grateful if you would check this and perhaps have your secretary indicate additional citations that we might seek to increase the merit of this survey.

For a number of years I have been interested in the problems of anticholinergic drugs and last year at the meeting of the Society for Biological Psychiatry, my associate, Dr. Itil and I organized a symposium which seemed to have gone quite well. The audience was interested and a few months ago when I received an invitation from the CINP to organize a symposium on neuropharmacology with Philip Bradley as Co-chairman, we agreed on the subject of anticholinergic drugs and the problem of dissociation of EEG and behavior as an important issue today. At the recent EEG meetings, Dr. Itil and I presented a summary of our recent studies. This symposium is being organized for the meeting dates late in March in Washington. Both Philip and I would be pleased to have you participate either in a formal presentation, or as a discussant of some of the work to be presented by others. Would you care to join us in this symposium? I am enclosing a copy of a summary statement about the focus of this symposium for your information.

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Thank you for your co-operation and my best regards for a  
Happy Holiday.

Sincerely yours,

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