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Dr. Sheldon Gaylen
Director
Community Mental Health Board
618 County Office Building
White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Gaylen:

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Dr. Lefkowitz, whom I have known during the past three years at Hillside Hospital. During this time I have been his supervisor in research during his residency; and a co-worker in the somatic therapy program of the hospital.

Dr. Lefkowitz is a sincere, thorough, and responsible worker. As a resident he stood above his class in his research interests and his willingness to accept responsibility. As a consequence of his excellent record, he was promoted to the position of junior psychiatrist and assigned new residents for supervision as soon as his resident period was ended.

During that period he also undertook a study of the milieu influences on selection of treatment at our hospital. He showed considerable ingenuity in this study, and the report was recently published in the Journal of the Hillside Hospital. He also was an active participant in the research seminars of the hospital.

Last fall, this Department instituted a psychopharmacologic after-care clinic. Dr. Lefkowitz was put in charge, and has shown excellent judgment in the management of the unit. Because the unit did not suit the present changing image of the institution, and as it was a deficit operation the Medical Director decided to discontinue the clinic.

It is my impression that his identification with psychopharmacology and his seeming disinterest in the supervision of residents in psychotherapy were factors in the decision to leave Hillside.

Dr. Lefkowitz is a capable young descriptive psychiatrist. He has good training and a good grasp of somatic therapies. He gets along well with patients and with his peers. He is methodical, occasionally over-meticulous, serious, and friendly. I have no hesitation in recommending him to you for a position within his abilities - for he will serve the institution well.

Sincerely yours,

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Max Fink, M.D.