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As for the APA program, I would like to propose that we set up a symposium on the methodology on evaluating psychiatric patterns using the EEG. I would suggest that we invite you to give a progress report on the evoked responses and perhaps ask Jim Satterfield to discuss it if he has some data by that time.

John Stern has been working on a cross correlation and their relation to psychiatric diagnosis. His data is rather good and he should have some definite findings by this spring.

Dr. Itil will have frequency analyzer data supporting, or not supporting, Doug Goldman's observations with pentothal. This might make a good third paper.

For a fourth, I am at a loss because I don't know of any other EEG method which is sufficiently novel to warrant presentation next spring. Have you any suggestions?

An alternate suggestion would be a similar program focused on the classification of EEG responsiveness, which you originally suggested. For this, the evoked potentials and pentothal patterns would be satisfactory. A more recent report on flicker might be advisable if you know of someone working in this field. I last heard from Laverne Johnson in California that he had some data regarding naval personnel and his personality structure. Any other suggestions for this symposium?

I should be pleased to have you participate in the ad hoc meeting on the EEG section of the ACNP. I have called the meeting for Sunday evening, October 6, 1963, at the Jack Tar Hotel. I have not yet heard from them regarding the room, but I shall notify you soon. Please plan to be there and bring some of your slides because I think that that meeting should be devoted to methodology and it would be helpful to take either the evoked response or frequency data and discuss the quantification problems in detail.

This should reach you as you get back to work after Labor Day which will give us all of three weeks to get the APA program set! When you have some thoughts organized, give me a collect call and let's solve this on the phone.

My best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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