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Dear Al,

As I mentioned to you, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the curriculum vitae of Dr. Richard P. White, for your consideration for a position in the Department of Pharmacology. I first became acquainted with his work when he published a report on the face-hand test confirming and expanding the observations made by Dr. Bender's group.

During the next few years I read little of his writings until 1962 when I began to review the cholinergic mechanisms in psychotropic drugs. I soon found that he had done some excellent basic pharmacology of anticholinergic agents. In the succeeding years, his work has continued in this direction and when we organized a symposium on anticholinergic drugs at the Society for Biological Psychiatry last spring, he was an invited participant.

His report to that Society was outstanding and since then we have corresponded. I recently sent him a copy of my review of cholinergic mechanisms in convulsive therapy for which he provided a thoughtful and helpful critique.

In our plans to organize the forthcoming CINP Symposium, my recommendation to Dr. Bradley that he be invited was immediately approved. I believe you will have an opportunity to hear him at that meeting.

Professionally, I have found him likeable and I look forward to our forthcoming meeting.

I hope that this is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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