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R. L. H. Minchin, M.D.  
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Nelson, New Zealand

Dear Dr. Minchin:

I was pleased to receive your letter, and should very much like to have the opportunity to meet you on your next trip to the States. In general, the visitors to this country find it easy to stop over in St. Louis, since it is centrally located with excellent air facilities.

Your record is of interest to us. There are opportunities in the Institute for medical studies in our populations, and we are now launching a program in evaluating home care, general medical support, and special psychotherapeutic drugs in aged subjects.

The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is the research and training center of the Division of Mental Diseases of Missouri. It was established in October, 1962, with laboratory and clinical facilities for research. At the present time, of 150 beds, we are utilizing 70 for research purposes. Laboratories are established in pharmacology, psychology, and electroencephalography, as well as a computer center for both statistical and EEG analyses. There is a specialized psychiatric research library as a component part of the Institute. Animal facilities are now being built.

In addition, there is a fully qualified three-year psychiatric residency training program at the Institute, and a special training program in clinical psychology is being established. Both in the research programs and in the training programs, the Institute is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry of Washington University School of Medicine.

At the present time, there are a number of research programs in progress. These include Lithium as a therapy for mania; the use of Yohimbine as a precipitant of anxiety and the development of anti-anxiety agents; relation of EEG patterns and organic factors in the treatment of therapy resistant psychotics; computer analysis of the electroencephalogram; the effects of drug withdrawal on behavior in the chronically ill; and the treatment of psychotics by nurse relationship therapy.

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Accommodations are available for rental or for sale within ten minutes of the Institute. It is our custom to provide temporary accommodations at the Institution for scientists appointed from overseas.

Appointments are made at salary levels commensurate with experience, with a minimum salary being \$12,000 per annum. In addition to research experience, satisfactory completion of the DPM is weighed heavily in the determination of salary. Satisfactory completion of the ECFMG examination with either a temporary or permanent certificate is prerequisite to appointment.

If this opportunity interests you, I would appreciate a copy of your curriculum vita listing chronologically your education and professional experience. In addition, a small photograph and the names of at least two references to whom we may write would be most helpful.

I look forward to the opportunity of having you visit us to discuss this further.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Director

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