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*to Dr. Schwarz-Pittpar
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Dear Dr. Schwarz-Pittpar:

Thank you very much for your inquiry. 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 laboratories 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 and will be completed by the end of the year.

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; the evaluation of new psychotropic drugs is part of a national early clinical drug evaluation program.

In neurophysiology, we have the following major programs: Dr. Turan Itil, formerly of Erlangen, has established a program in evaluating the EEG changes with psychotropic drugs and relating these to the behavioral results. Dr. Takumi Ikuta has established a complete laboratory for the study of the cortical averaged evoked potential and is now determining the stability of this method in our patients. My own program is dedicated to determining the interrelationship between different methods of EEG analysis, and efforts to quantify these, and to relate these changes to behavioral changes as reflected in psycholinguistic methods.

At the present time, the Institute is planning to expand these programs in the coming year. We are inviting the collaboration of scientists whose interests are compatible to our own and who wish an opportunity such as this institute provides, and are pleased to consider applications.

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I plan to be in Israel during the period August 4 to 13, and would be able to discuss this opportunity with you in person.

I would appreciate a copy of your curriculum vitae listing chronologically your educational and professional experience. In addition, a small photograph and the names of at least two referees to whom we may write would be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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