

February 25, 1969

Dr. Wilhelmina Hinwich
Chairman, Committee on Awards
Society of Biological Psychiatry
Galesburg State Research Hospital
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Dear Wilhelmina,

It gives both Al Freedman and myself great pleasure to submit the enclosed report entitled, "Sex Ratios of Newborns in Puerperal Schizophrenia - A Physiological Interaction Between Mother and Fetus" by Drs. Michael Taylor and Robert Levine, for the consideration of the Committee on Awards for the A. E. Bennett award.

Drs. Taylor and Levine are in their third year of residency training at our College. During their elective training period, they undertook independent research projects in psychopharmacology, and also found time to collaborate in the verification of an interesting report by Shearer et al. relating sex of offspring to maternal psychosis. Finding that the local data did indeed confirm that report, they sought effects in the post-partum period; and in developing some animal test trials. The latter are underway and the data too preliminary to be in this summary.

Both Al and I found the report of special interest, for if further studies verify the suggestions made, then they provide important evidence for the biological mechanisms of schizophrenia and maternal-fetal interactions.

We commend this report to the consideration of the Committee on Awards.

Our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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