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Dear Merrill:

Don Swanson joined our faculty about 1974 as a psychiatrist in the Research Unit at the V.A. Hospital at Northport. He exhibited skills of a well trained psychiatrist and assumed responsibilities for the patients and the projects then ongoing. He was interested and did a commendable job. At the time however the V.A., in one of its periodic episodes of conscience, restricted the activity of all physicians who did not have a state license. Dr. Swanson found that his activities were so severely restricted that both he and I agreed that he would do better for his good to process licensure immediately. He correctly felt that the demands were excessive and returned to South Africa.

I found that he worked very well, and that his skills were suitable to our needs. I regretted his decision and recommended his reappointment when and if he decided to return. I believe he is a skilled physician and should do well in any position requiring clinical ability both in-patient and out-patient. We had no opportunity to determine his skills as a teacher, but I would be willing to take a chance on that score as well.

I am pleased to recommend him to your.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
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