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Dear Dr. Bruner:

I have read your curriculum vitae with interest. Some years ago when I first developed my quantitative EEG study programs, an experimental neurophysiologist was associated with me and this relationship was mutually very satisfactory. Subsequently, he went on to animal work and has been productive. Since then, I have usually had physician electroencephalographers work with me, but would be pleased to entertain an application from you, if the study programs are of interest.

The laboratory consists of clinical research units in a general hospital with 50 in-patient beds dedicated to pharmacotherapy research and a developing study unit in the out-patient department.

For some years as the enclosed reprints will indicate, I have been particularly interested in the EEG expression of a wide variety of psychopharmacological agents, and the relation of these changes to behavior. The patients in the study units are the subjects, and we generally have two EEG laboratories running on a full time basis. Much of the work of the past few years has been in the technical aspects of the analysis of the EEG and we have devoted much study to digital computer methods. In Missouri, the laboratory was equipped with an IBM 1710-1620, and in New York we have recently installed an IBM 1800. This machine is dedicated exclusively to EEG analysis

As of now, we are particularly focussed on the problems of narcotic addiction and have specific interest in narcotics, narcotic antagonists, alcohol, and hallucinogens. Incidentally, I do not have any facilities for animal studies and while facilities exist in the Department, I am not inclined to encourage such exploration, since I have generally found that the animal data is of limited application to the studies in volunteers or the mentally ill, which represent my populations of choice.

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These studies are in the Department of Psychiatry at the New York Medical College - independent medical school training 120 students in each class. The Department has a very large training program in psychiatry with classes averaging 16 to 18 each year. The clinical facilities are at a city hospital and a new community mental health center is being built for occupancy early in 1969. The new center does provide clinical research facilities for these programs.

I am enclosing some reports from this laboratory which will give you an idea of the work to date. After reading these, if a position in this Department interests you, I would be glad to call or write to some of your references. Incidentally, would you please indicate when you desire to return to the United States.

Thank you very much for your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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