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Dear Ben:

My associate, Dr. J. Simeon, has told me not only of your hospitality during his visit with you, but of your decision to accept responsibility for the research programs of the State of Illinois. I hope that this new position will provide the opportunities to foster the research which you have so ably carried out during the past many years.

Before I undertook my present assignment, you were kind enough to share with me some of your experiences. While I tried to take your advice, history will show that I was less successful than I had wished. Nevertheless, these laboratories which were dedicated to research now have as its principal function the training of resident psychiatric physicians who have selected a career in the State Hospital services. My research program has developed rather well, and we have focussed on three principal types of studies: measurement of changes in EEG in relation to psychotropic drug therapy; the application of computer methods to EEG analysis and to psychiatric rating scales; and to a variety of novel treatment methods with the severe and long term mentally ill. I have been fortunate in attracting a number of excellent co-workers and hope that the results from these laboratories within the next year will warrant the investment.

Thank you for the many courtesies you have shown my co-worker, and my best wishes in your new position. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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