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Dear Bill:

The panel on "Anticholinergic Hallucinogens" at the Society of Biological Psychiatry meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 1, from 2:30 to 5:00 P.M. at the New York Hilton Hotel. The panel will be preceded by the presidential address by Dr. Max Rinkel.

I am enclosing some of the material that I have received from the other members of the panel, including Leo Abood's paper, abstracts by Gershon and White, and a summary preliminary report by Dr. Itil.

I believe that we have an unusual opportunity to discuss cholinergic mechanisms affecting behavior. I would like to ask each of the participants to present their report in approximately fifteen minutes. This should allow for at least 5-10 minutes of questions and discussions for each report. Perhaps it would be best if you would acquaint yourself with some of the studies of Dr. White, as I would like to ask you to direct specific attention to his report. Following are the citations for some of his more relevant studies:

Experimental Neurology 4, 317-329 (1961)
Arch. int. Pharmacodyn., 1963, 145, No. 1-2
Arch. int. Pharmacodyn., 1961, CXXXII, No. 3-4
Psychopharmacologia 4, 459-471 (1963)

In this way, rather than having a formal discussion, you could initiate the discussion of his report. I will urge him to get a copy to you before the meeting.

In like fashion, I have asked Dr. Gershon to be prepared to open the discussion on your report and I would like you to send me a copy as soon as it is available so that I can duplicate it and send it specifically to him, and to each of the other members as well.

Insofar as it might be helpful for us to meet before the panel session, I would be pleased if you would be my guest for lunch at noon on Saturday, May 1, at the New York Hilton Hotel. I will send you more specific details before the meeting.

I look forward to an exciting afternoon and thank you for your participation. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Professor of Psychiatry

P. S. Please send me a copy of your paper as soon as possible.

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