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Dear Eli:

Looking back at the last few weeks, really the first in which we tried to cooperate, I have the feeling that we were very close to a viable relationship. If the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry is ever to unshackle the cultural bonds with which state organizations are bound in this generation, I believe it will have to achieve a close affiliation with a department of psychiatry such as that at Washington University.

I have urged my associates, and they have concurred, to delay any formal affiliation with another university at the present time.

It is my hope that during the next few months, it may be possible for you to become better acquainted with the facilities of the Institute, and the potentialities of the senior members of the staff. When we both have more information, I look forward to an opportunity to once again discuss a mutually satisfactory relationship.

In the meantime, I am taking the liberty of enclosing the curriculum vitae of four junior members of the staff who have recently been appointed. Drs. Ikuta, Don, and Holden have each been appointed to work with Dr. Itil and myself in the evaluation of therapy resistant psychosis. Dr. Ikuta and Dr. Holden are appointed as research fellows, and Dr. Don as a staff psychiatrist. Mr. Lang was appointed some months ago to the position of Research Scientist (Pharmacology), and is joining Dr. Gershon the end of this week in the Pharmacology laboratories. Dr. Korol, whose curriculum vitae is also enclosed, has been invited to join the staff in the Pharmacology laboratories.

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During the past few months we have filed no additional applications for research grants, excepting one on behalf of Dr. James Nelson. While Dr. Nelson has been appointed by Dr. Ulett as neuropathologist to the Division of Mental Diseases, I have considered extending him a nominal appointment as a scientist in the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry.

With all best wishes for your speedy recovery, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.  
Director

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