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Dear Al,

Winter has actually hit Missouri and we have had cold and rainy days. I guess I regret not having stayed in Florida so that I can show a suntan at this point. I hope you have enjoyed your stay.

Enclosed is a special article from the latest issue of *Lancet* describing one approach to a medical records system. We already have the BIMD program, and also some special ones from the Tulane Computing Center. These are not complex and it is merely the application of energy and money to make such a system work in our Center.

I felt it was necessary to discuss my leaving with some of the members of my computing facility and they are now aware that my support will end this summer. While I would not be optimistic about taking him from St. Louis where he has just been offered a position on the WU Faculty, I believe that you should seriously consider an invitation to my associate, Mr. Donald Shapiro. Without hesitation I would say that he has been the best co-worker I have had in thirteen years. If the program which you discussed with me is to be launched with your support, I believe he could accomplish the mission with ease and allow himself sufficient energy to collaborate with Roy and myself on the more technical aspects of evoked potentials or neurophysiological analyses. He will be receiving his D.Sc. from WU this spring and is now rated to be paid \$17,500 to start.

If we could stimulate his interests, I would be very optimistic about developing a neurophysiological analytic unit and obtaining NIP support. His curriculum vitae is enclosed.

My best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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P.S. By now you have probably heard that our commissioner has been invited to take Paul Hoch's place. If he does, the Exodus from Missouri will be reminiscent of the flight of the Hebrews from the land of Egypt.