

May 8, 1964

Mr. W. Sewell
National Library of Medicine
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

During the recent Eastern Joint Computer Conference, I had occasion to visit the National Library of Medicine. During that tour, Mr. C. J. Austin indicated that the part of your programs related to the retrieval of citations from the 1963 Index Medicus was now undergoing trial. I am writing to suggest a collaborative study which may indicate the extent to which your reviews actually are successful for 1963.

I have recently completed a review of the citations under the headings of "EEG and Human Psychopharmacology" for the period 1952-1962. This list is now in press and will be published as Supplement 23 to the EEG Journal. For the past few months I have had my assistants cull the literature for citations for 1963. The descriptors to be used are psychotropic and hallucinogenic drugs, EEG recordings, and human subjects.

It would be mutually helpful, I believe, if you would be willing to undertake a review of the literature using your methods, and comparing it to the citations available to us at the present time. If such a collaborative study is of interest to you, I would be pleased to send you a detailed list of the descriptors that we used, as well as to submit a list of the citations now available for that period.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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