

August 5, 1983

Dr. Steven Harnad, Editor  
Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Suite 240  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Dr. Harnad,

In reply to your letter of July 27::

1. Changing substantive to substantial in paragraphs 2 and 3 of my comment on Weiner's article does not change the sense of my discussion and the comment may stand.

2. Squire and his associates have presented numerous reports on the effects of bilateral and unilateral ECT on memory functions. I do not believe a reference is needed, since Weiner has already given the important ones. But if you believe it helpful, add:

Squire, L.R. and Slater, P.C. Electroconvulsive therapy and complaints of memory dysfunction: A prospective three-year follow-up study. Br. J. Psychiat. 142: 1-8, 1983.

3. The suggestions for changes in consent procedures which Weiner makes were made by the APA Task Force. He is repeating what is already in the record, perhaps with less attribution than is deserved. The suggestions in the consent were published by the APA Task Force in 1978 and in my book, 1979. The APA book was published in November, 1978.

4. Roueche, B. Annals of medicine: as empty as Eve. New Yorker 50: 84-100, Sep. 9, 1974.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry