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Dear Bruce:

I cannot tell you how delighted I am that you have been so pleased that Dr. Fann has invited you to go to Houston. I do not know the kind of work that will come from Houston, but for many years, I have known of studies undertaken by Dr. Neil Burch and the Houston State Psychiatric Institute. His work is outstanding in quantitative EEG and you may wish to visit him once you are in that City.

Our move to Stony Brook has been successful. The laboratory is running well and Peter, Ira and Maureen are the mainstays of the lab. We are very interested in the relation of EEG to blood level of drugs and hope to make some contribution through this effort. The studies run well and our principal difficulty now lies in the statistics rather than the data collection.

Should you find yourself in the east, come and visit; and should you find the heat and the reactionary thinking of Texas too much for you, come back to work in the heady free climate of the eastern seaboard. Whenever someone tells me he is going to the mid-west or the south, images of my four years in St. Louis thrust themselves into my consciousness, and I am reminded again and again of the stubborn, reactionary and prejudiced attitudes of the community, in which I worked. This attitude was not limited to the locals, but included the professionals at the University as well.

Again, let me congratulate you on your progress and wish you success in getting your doctorate soon.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.  
Professor of Psychiatry

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