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Dr. Sidney Merlis
Central Islip State Hospital
Central Islip, New York

Dear Sid,

I would like to second the nomination of Dr. Ali Keskiner for membership in the ACNP.

Dr. Itil and I were responsible for bringing Dr. Keskiner to the United States upon the completion of his training program in Montreal.

Since 1964 he has been an active member of the staff of the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry. For the first few years he was in charge of the patients of the chronic schizophrenia project, studying the effects of butaperazine, LSD, Ditrin and atropine in altering the behavior of the therapy resistant patients.

He has done some of the most extensive evaluations of fluphenazine decanoate. Based on this experience, he has undertaken and is now the principal investigator of a study maintaining chronic psychotic patients in a farming community. He is able to do so by delivering medication in biweekly doses.

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Keskiner for membership in the ACNP as I believe he will make significant contributions to our study groups.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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cc: Dr. Itil