

March 2, 1964

Mr. J. E. VanDyke
Executive Director
Missouri Association for
Retarded Children, Inc.
100 West Dunklin
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. VanDyke:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to discuss the problem of research in mental retardation in the State of Missouri.

This research center was dedicated in October, 1962, and most of our efforts have been devoted to developing studies in the chronic mentally ill. Within the last two weeks, however, a neuropathologist has been appointed to the Division of Mental Diseases whose interest is largely in the area of mental retardation. His appointment will be announced publicly in the late spring, and it is our hope that we will be able to furnish him with the equipment and the financial support necessary to launch his programs. In this way, we hope to make a beginning in studies of the retarded, as these also are a major burden of the Division of Mental Diseases.

I should be most pleased to have an opportunity to discuss our research programs and perhaps the possible nomination of candidates in Missouri for this unusual award. When next you are in St. Louis, I should be pleased to have you visit us to discuss this program.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of our recent annual report, which summarizes the first programs to be established at this new center.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Director

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