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Dear Lorraine:

I was very pleased to see how well the Clearinghouse program has progressed. Indeed, the state of your operation is such as to induce me to reassess our own futures in this field, for as you know, it is an expensive operation. If your center will be able to provide us with the information needed, it may no longer be necessary for us to maintain our own operation.

However, before making such a decision I should like some additional information.

1. Would it be possible for you to send us a sample set of citation and abstract cards plus a guide to any numeric notations on these cards? (I should like to determine whether the format and information on the cards is compatible with our own, and if there is some additional information that you are putting on the cards that we should consider for our own).

2. In the event that we consider maintaining our citation service here, would the Clearinghouse be able to provide the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry with duplicate citation cards and descriptors (? and abstract) so that the citations could be included in our disc files, thereby greatly expanding this local service? The Institute would be willing to defray the costs, and would you please provide me with an estimate for such a collaboration.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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