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Dear Dr. Lipscomb:

Enclosed are a number of reprints which describe some of our observations regarding the changes in the electroencephalogram with psychotropic drugs. The bibliography of which you speak is Supplement 23 of the EEG Journal, and should be available in your library.

Perhaps I could be of more help to you if you would describe the problem which has led to your interest in the electroencephalogram. It has been my opinion for many years that each of the psychotropic drugs are effective to the extent that they alter the scalp recorded electroencephalogram and that in those patients in whom these change do not occur, the therapeutic results are generally poor. This is most clear with depressives and schizophrenic patients, especially those receiving not only drug therapies but other somatic therapies as well.

It has also become very clear that psychotropic drugs and hallucinogenic agents each have quite specific signatures in the induced EEG pattern changes. The characteristic signatures provide an additional way in classifying drugs and their effects.

I trust this is helpful, and if you have any more specific questions, feel free to write to me at the New York Medical College, 106th and 5th Avenue, New York, New York 10029.

Sincerely yours,

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