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Dear Mickey,

The application is good, as far as it goes. I am returning it for some additions.

(1) Please review Pitts and McClure theory of chemistry of anxiety, and of lactate. There were some letters that were published in response to our letter, that questioned the significance of a lactate test, assigning a peripheral value to the symptoms. This data should be referred to, and critiqued. Can you devise a test of these criticisms?

(2) You may wish to call Dr. Pitts in St. Louis (314 FO 1-4730); tell him what you propose to do; ask him to be a consultant; and ask if there is any additional published, or unpublished data or hypotheses he can make available to you.

(3) If the separation of populations is successful, how can this test be used in subsequent studies? In assessing treatment failures, for example? Does this test have any relevance to anxiety in depression, or in schizophrenia?

(4) What are present tests for antianxiety-agents (animal screening, human clinical)? Are there any limitations to present designs?

(5) I will ask Dick to describe equipment and facilities. You should check budget, co-workers, complete biographical sketch, research objectives.

(6) Make up a permit form to be signed by patients.

Separately, I will ask Dick and Voita Volavka to send you their comments. Filing date is June 1.

Kirby is blossoming nicely. Dick started this week. The resident rotation is assured for July 1, for 4 NYMC residents at least, for 4 mos. each. We will have to provide our own supervision. Staff seems adequate in M.D.'s, S.W., psychologists and aides - short in nurses.

Have fun!

Max

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