

December 22nd, 1972

Mr. Thomas Crook,
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National Institute of Mental Health,
5600 Fishers Lane,
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Dear Mr. Crook,

I look forward to participating in the site visit on MH24323. I have read the application and am left with a few questions which I would rather anticipate than come to the meeting unprepared.

The question is raised whether the EEG equipment to be utilized should be seen. I have read the activation procedure carefully (page 24) and find that the description is based on a visual analysis and does not require any computational equipment. An enquiry from your office should be made: "In what way is the computational equipment at the University of Maryland used to classify the response?" If, as I suspect, these are exploratory and are not applicable to the proposed study, then a visit is unnecessary.

If indeed the methods are integral to the classification procedure, then a visit should be considered. (At the minimum, it would be most helpful if Dr. Hanlon can be asked to have available samples of each of the three types of classification of the chloralose procedure).

I recall a prior application of Dr. Monroe regarding a similar study. His C.V. (page 10) indicates there is no other research support. If that prior application was not funded, or has been terminated, no other action is necessary. If that other application is active, then the relation between this study and that prior study should be described.

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Unless I hear otherwise, I plan to fly from LaGuardia to Baltimore on Allegheny 543, arriving in Baltimore at 9.16 a.m. on January 12th (I hold return reservation on the 5.45 p.m. flight, AL 584). Should time require it, my leave could be changed to the last flight, AL 546 at 8.40 p.m.)

I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

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cc. to Dr. Donald F. Klein