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Dear Jonathan,

It was with sadness and regret that I received the announcement that you were leaving NIMH. Since its inception as the Psychopharmacology Service Center, your leadership, tolerance and patience has fostered much of the psychopharmacology research of the nation - indeed, much of its biological research in psychiatry.

You know, because I have on earlier occasions expressed my gratitude, that the research programs at Hillside Hospital in ECT, EEG and in psychoactive drugs received much of their support from PSC. The Missouri Institute of Psychiatry was also successfully launched primarily because of the flexibility of Federal support, and its programs in EEG analysis, new drug trials and chronic schizophrenia were all based on PSC support. Indeed, we even came to you for help in recruiting, and were grateful for your assistance.

Perhaps my greatest personal debt was in the opportunity to serve NIMH on the Committee for Clinical Drug Evaluation. It was here that I sensed your leadership best - and I know that that Committee will keenly feel the loss inherent in your decision.

So, for the record, please accept my personal thanks for your many considerations and your faith in the study programs at Hillside (1956-62) and the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry (1962-66) - without which, the programs would have failed. Also, my very very best wishes for a successful career in Boston - for if anyone can make changes in State services, perhaps you can.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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