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Re: 665/116, 10/3/73

Dear Milt:

I am writing in response to your request concerning my acquaintance with Arthur Cherkin, Ph.D.

I became interested in some of his studies of memory changes in the chick when I was reviewing the literature on ECT. I first met him at the winter Brain Research Conference in 1971. Subsequently when I organized the Conference on the Psychobiology of Convulsive Therapy in Puerto Rico in April, 1972, Art Cherkin was one of the invited participants. He presented his data well and contributed forcefully to the discussion. Since then, I have had a number of communications regarding the reports submitted to the volume and have discussed with him a possible program of research in ECS which may be relevant to the ECT process.

In all these discussions, I have found Art Cherkin to be knowledgeable of the literature, experienced in research, and critical in his judgment of research problems. My only experience regarding his function as a "team member" was at the Conference, where he participated actively and contributed significantly.

I would have no hesitation for recommending him for an appointment at this University and can endorse his recommendation for UCLA with ease and pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

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