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Secretary
IBRO Survey of Research Facilities
in Brain Sciences
National Research Council
National Academy of Science
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for a copy of the IBRO Survey of Research Facilities and Manpower in Brain Sciences. It is indeed a massive task, generally well done, and a volume that will have immediate utility.

As is anticipated there are some errors, and I am writing to suggest some changes which should be incorporated in the next edition. I write regarding the section devoted to the New York Medical College, pages 213-215. The final paragraphs headed by "The Brain Research ..." contain many errors.

The Department of Psychiatry, headed by A. M. Freedman (Chairman) (Editorial Board, American Journal Orthopsychiatry) has an extensive program in the relation of brain function to behavior, divided in two principal divisions - the Division of Biological Psychiatry (M. Fink, Director) and the Brain Research Laboratories (E. R. John, Director). The Division of Biological Psychiatry is concerned with the relation of EEG changes and behavior in man, specifically the influence of induced convulsions, psychotropic and hallucinogenic drugs, and opiates on EEG. The facilities include three EEG laboratories, one with on-line analysis using an IBM-1800 system; four tape systems; and 25 beds for psychiatric research. The scientists include Dr. D. M. Shapiro, computer analysis of bioelectric signals; S. Feldstein, psycholinguistics; J. Volavka, normative quantitative EEG; R. Dornbush, memory mechanisms; J. Roubicek, EEG and hallucinogens; M. Keeler, adverse effects of hallucinogens and cannabis; and M. Fink (Director), quantitative EEG, drug effects, induced convulsions, and behavior in psychiatric subjects and normal volunteers.

The Division will move to a Community Mental Health Center in 1970, where opportunities for direct clinical - neurophysiological studies will be expanded to a 50 bed research unit.

The descriptions of the Brain Research Laboratory are essentially correct.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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