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Dear Joe:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the Washington Railroad Station during the recent blizzard. Barbara Fish and I had a pleasant reunion during that trip. It would be fitting to have a 20th Anniversary Class Reunion and your suggestion to hold it at the New York University Club is a reasonable one. For the convenience of those of us who are away from New York, perhaps the meeting could be held in conjunction with a national medical meeting. I might suggest that the American Psychiatric Association is meeting during the first week of May in New York City.

It has been 2 1/2 years since I left New York for Missouri. During that time, this research and training center, the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry, has been established. Patients (150) have been admitted to the wards, and various specialized laboratories including the computer center, animal, biochemistry, and pharmacology laboratories, and a research library are equipped and operating. It was our desire to achieve full academic affiliation, and as of January 1, the Institute is now the new Department of Psychiatry of the University of Missouri School of Medicine in St. Louis. The University is planning a third medical school in this city in the future, and this department is the first of that center.

My appointment now is Professor of Psychiatry, and Head, Division of Research of the Institute. However, teaching assignments are light, so I have maintained my appointment as Research Professor at Washington University School of Medicine where I enjoy my teaching assignments with their medical students.

My studies are primarily devoted to the physiological and psychological aspects of drug therapy for the severe mentally ill. I have continued my interest in electroencephalography and have recently published a number of articles and a bibliography of "EEG and Human Psychopharmacology."

I look forward to seeing you in late spring.

Sincerely,

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