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Dr. Henry H. Work
University of California School of Medicine
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Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. ^{Henry} Work:

This is to advise you of and to invite you to participate in a two-day conference of full time directors of Child Psychiatry in medical schools to be held in New York City in March 1966. This conference has been made possible by an NIMH grant to the Division of Child Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, the "host" Medical School of what the members of the Organizing Committee hope will be the first of a series of such conferences. This grant will pay the expenses of the participants for travel and during the conference.

The Organizing Committee consists of Dr. E. James Anthony, Washington University; Dr. Leon Eisenberg, Johns Hopkins; Dr. Othilda Krug, Cincinnati; Dr. William S. Langford, Columbia; Dr. Meyer Sonis, Pittsburgh. The conference is planned for 25 child psychiatrists who are full time directors of Child Psychiatry programs in medical schools. This includes all the programs with full time directors which had been in existence 5 years or longer at the time of the grant application. There are several more medical schools with full time directors of Child Psychiatry programs in existence for shorter periods, as well as a number of programs with part time heads. For the first conference the decision was made to limit the participation to 25 full time chiefs in order to facilitate effective communication.

The background of this conference follows: For some time a number of us engaged in full time Child Psychiatry in medical school settings have, as opportunities arose, informally discussed our mutual concerns and problems. Such matters are reflections of the nature of the medical school setting, the various teaching,

training, research and service responsibilities and opportunities as well as the administrative aspects of the setting. A need was felt to sponsor a conference where such matters could be freely discussed with an interchange of experiences, ways of resolving problems, etc. The medical school setting differs from the traditional child guidance clinic where American Child Psychiatry developed and has emergent concerns and problems to be resolved. The agenda for this conference remains to be worked out in detail but we anticipate that it will include matters of vital concern to all of us. The Committee would appreciate any suggestions you might have on items or areas to be brought up for discussion so that they can be considered as we set up final plans for the agenda and format of the conference.

We have been able to reserve Greyston Conference Center in the Riverdale section of New York City. It is planned to have the conference on Monday and Tuesday, March 21st and 22nd, 1966 with arrival late Sunday afternoon, the 20th, for dinner and the evening, with breaking up Tuesday afternoon. The Conference Center is administered by Columbia University and should be an ideal place to hold a meeting of this size.

X Would you please write me as soon as you are able if you plan to attend and be sure to send along any suggestions for the agenda. As soon as we know who the participants will be we will send you a complete list of those accepting. The agenda will be sent to you well in advance of the conference date.

Sincerely,

Bill

William S. Langford, M.D.
For the Organizing Committee

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