Philadelphia Mental Health Survey Committee

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Dr. Victor H. Vogel U. S. Public Health Service Hospital Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Vogel:

This is the first time I am going to turn down a job. It is not because I have any more sense than I used to have, but because I am so overwhelmed with work that I do not see my way clear to do an acceptable job on the book you and Dr. Maurer are writing. I assure you that I would enjoy going over your material and giving it what criticism and suggestions might seem appropriate, but this now seems impossible because I do not have the time during the day and I find that at night, I cannot do effective work without bringing on too much mental fatigue. This would seem to indicate that I may be getting old.

I congratulate you on the work you are doing and also give my congratulations to Mrs. Vogel. I want to read those articles as well as the book.

I hope the transfer you have in mind goes through because I am sure that both you and the family will enjoy the detail abroad. I will keep the matter confidential until it is finally confirmed.

Mrs. Kolb joins me in sending regards to all of you.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Kolb, M. D. Executive Secretary