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Dr. Perry Ottenberg  
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Dear Dr. Ottenberg:

We found your offer to nominate one of our second year residents for participation as a Fellow in the Sol W. Ginsburg Fellowship Program quite interesting, and we have run a kind of internal competition within our residency program which involves five teaching hospitals. The winner is Dr. Henry Olders, and I am happy to submit his name, which has been proposed by several members of our senior staff. I did not know him personally until very recently, as he has so far worked in other hospitals of our network, but I had heard of the excellent rating he has obtained so far in our Diploma Course, both for his participation at seminars, and for skills as a psychotherapist. Actually he has been rated as above average, or outstanding, in most areas of evaluation, and in overall efficiency. One of his evaluators comments "a mature resident who showed great strength in managing a team while a staff man was ill. He is curious and shows scholarly interest. A solid, conscientious man. He is motivated, reliable, and has good relationships with others".

Psychiatry for him is a second career, as he has been a systems engineer, working in particular in the field of computer hardware, since 1970. He has continued working part-time, to earn a living while a medical student, until 1977. One of the projects he was involved with was a computer system for automation of the Post Office in Montreal. He would like to continue using his cognitive and rational skills which he acquired in engineering, and combine them with the interpersonal skills which he enjoys using in psychiatry.

Two fields seem to attract him; hospital administration, and in particular the study of relationships between the hospital and the surrounding society and culture, and on the other hand, research. He has not been involved formally in research so far, but works in his spare time on an informal project on a computer model of the functioning of the human cortex. He stresses that associational networks show learning by repetition; stimulus patterns are recognized over time.

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In addition, he has broad interests, and tries to apply both Karl Popper's and Michel Foucault's theories to the functioning of the mental hospital and its relationship to community psychiatry.

He is married to a psychiatric nurse, and this was influential in his shifting careers, and the father of three children.

In conclusion, Dr. Olders appears to our group to meet very well the qualifications expected from your Fellows, and we hope that your Committee will concur. In spite of the considerable cutbacks in our budget over the past few years, we believe that we could contribute \$400.00 a year to the project.

I wish to thank you for having provided me with the stimulation and opportunity to get better acquainted with what appears to be a very promising young man amongst our trainees.

Sincerely yours



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cc: (Blind) Dr. Henry Olders ✓