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Dear Mr. Lindt:

I shall be of course interested in getting more details about the case of Henry Wolkov before daring to give any advice. The most convenient way would be a report of Dr Ulrich. Yet I do not know whether such trouble would be of any factual result. I do not know any institution in Ohio which would offer the right care to such an adolescent. Dr. Redl in Detroit must better know the different possible placement possibilities. I could inquire whether one of the psychiatric agencies of New York could find place for your client.

In regard to shock treatment I disagree to using it in cases of neurosis. It is true that in cases of psychosis it shortens the stay in the hospital. In some cases such shortening of hospitalisation is desirable, not in all cases. Yet the final effect showing in lasting improvement and better development ~~is~~ nearer to normalcy depends on the active psychiatric care and help given to the patient before and after shock application and after paroling. To procure this is more important than the problem of shock treatment itself. However any decision about the desirability of shock therapy can be made only by the psychiatrist who is treating the patient. When no adequate institution can be found a good foster-parents home might provide the setting for psychiatric care.

Thanking you for your kind confidence, I am

sincerely yours

Paul Federn

On the panel of the A.A.P.S.W. another psychoanalyst Dr. Schatner was participating.