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Dr. Otto Fenichel  
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Praha, Czechoslovakia.

Dear Dr. Fenichel:

The Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles invites you to do educational work for it during the next three years and in all probability for a longer period according to the terms of the enclosed contract, financially guaranteed by the accompanying papers. If the terms of the contract meet with your approval, please sign the duplicate copy and return it to me, retaining the original copy.

A few words concerning the Psychoanalytic Study Group: It has been in existence for the past nine years, and consists of the few psychoanalysts in Los Angeles (who work entirely in cooperation with recognized physicians and ~~xx~~ psychiatrists), some physicians and psychiatrists, psychologists, social-workers, educators, teachers, general scientists - all those who are interested in the study of psychoanalysis as a science and its application to these related fields. Until three or four years ago our organization was informal; but then with the coming of Dr. Simmel and later Mrs. Deri, we made the organization a more formal one with definite by-laws and were able to add lecture courses and seminars to our general group meetings. You have undoubtedly seen the reports of our activities which have appeared in the Psychoanalytic Quarterly (July, 1936, & October, 1937).

Mrs. Deri has up to now had a large part in these educational activities of the Study Group, but has become too busy with private teaching work. Therefore we wish you to come to take her place in teaching within the Study Group and to help us build up our activities further.

We hope, therefore, that you will find the enclosed contract satisfactory, and that you will soon arrive in Los Angeles. You will note in the contract that we would claim not more than half of your working time, so that you would be free to undertake educational work with teachers, social-workers and with children in line with psychoanalytic knowledge and principles and also individual training analyses for properly qualified and licensed physicians and psychiatrists such as you have already carried out with success in Berlin, Oslo and Prague.