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Dear Hanna:

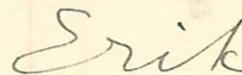
After much hesitation I had to write Dr. Lewy that I consider the idea of having members of the A. P. A. sponsor a psychoanalytic institute, not a good one. It was naturally very difficult not to comply with a wish "covered" by you with a personal letter, but as undoubtedly some other people have written to Dr. Lewy, this matter is of such general importance that one owes it to one's friends to express hesitation and even a warning. Especially in view of what transpired at the winter meetings, it seems very important that at this point no cross-sponsorships would further cut the membership of the Association into sectarian parts. This at least is what I feel now; we may well soon come to the point where we feel that the A. P. A. as such is not worth preserving. The time would then be at hand to establish clearer delineation all over the country. But when that time comes this delineation should be nation wide and clear-cut, and one should know exactly what one is doing. This is the way it looks from here; you undoubtedly have thought the matter through and made a clear cut on a local basis.

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We very much missed seeing you here in Stockbridge and it is good to know that you will come to the May meetings. As far as we can see now, we will go to these meetings and then come home. I have been invited to discuss a paper for the American Psychiatric Association on May 13th and therefore, may stay a day longer. However, we hope that this time you will stay a little longer so that one or two days will not make much of a difference.

It is quite wintery here, much snow and I think you would like this. We, in turn, cannot help thinking of your beach house with some nostalgia, although, as I now remember, we know it only from a picture.

Our very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours, as ever,



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