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Dear Doctor Bibring:

I owe you an apology for not having answered your letter of May 12th sooner in full, in particular in regard to your inquiry about the status of Doctor Norman Levy. Please regard my official statement of May 25th as such an answer. I trust that you have in the meantime received that statement, probably through Doctor Grotjahn or another member of the seceding group.

Personally I also feel the urge to give you an explanation for the fact that I have signed two apparently different statements on Doctor Levy, at different times. Without going into all the unpleasant details I wish to say that these statements reflect the historical course of events during the last three months in our local situation. The development since the splitup was decided upon was influenced by the recommendations made by the Committee on Institutes and by the necessity to make compromises in order to find a tolerable solution. My personal role necessitated carrying out the decisions made by the Executive Committee of The Los Angeles Institute (formerly called the Education Committee) and to go along with whatever changes were decided upon.

I am sure you are familiar with this kind of thing from your knowledge of similar happenings in other localities and from your own experience in dealing with similar problems on a national level.

I am sending you under separate cover my official answer to your question regarding our method of appointing training analysts. I hope that this will give you all the necessary information. If you desire to have more data on any point, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Ernst Levy, M.D.

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