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Dear Ernst:

Thank you for your letter of January 5 in which you discuss confidentially some of the difficulties existing in the Los Angeles Society and also make recommendation for the acceptance of Dr. Charles Sarlin. I have turned the latter over to the file for early processing with the Committee and was very much interested in reading about the former.

Maybe sometime you would like to write and tell me what the line up is in the two divisions there in the Society. Is it so bad that you think of it as two armed camps who are superficially friendly but who are basically at odds with each other? And what are the real issues aside from trying to line up adherents with each other? There must be other issues beside having Hanna Fenichel as a lay training analyst.

I have now transferred my membership to the New York Society and will go down there next Tuesday night for a first meeting at which I will be presented a membership certificate. I am also to be on the staff of the Institute as an instructor, I believe, but I don't believe the Board has acted on that as yet. They had to wait on my becoming a member, and that had to wait on a change in the by-laws because I was not licensed in New York and the by-laws required that. Finally they amended the by-laws so that a New York license was not required for an out-of-state member.

Best regards to Maria and yourself.

Cordially,

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