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Dear Dr. Lewy,

I am just back from the Congress in Switzerland and hasten to answer your question put in your letter of the 8th August. Before doing so, however, I should like to tell you that I enjoyed the Congress mainly from the social viewpoint, because the scientific standard I thought not to be on too high a level. I had an opportunity of talking with Boehm, who has not changed at all though he has limited his work now to a four-day week. I do not want to go in any details now as I hope I shall be able to tell you everything personally in not too far a future.

I enclose the Training Regulations of the Institute, because I am not sure whether I have done so yet. Regarding your question to the final endorsement of the training of students and their final recognition as full-fledged analysts, I should like to point out the following.

When a candidate has chosen his analyst, he is allowed to attend the theoretical courses after an analysis of six months, provided the analyst does not object. The theoretical training takes three years. In the first year there is usually one lecture which the "A" and "B" Students attend together, but it is the Training Committee's intention to separate the two courses as early as possible.<sup>x)</sup> Usually the candidate is allowed to take on a control case after a training period of twelve or eighteen months. The second control case may be taken on after the first case has been controlled for one year. However, the whole training is dependent on the training analyst who determines whether and when the candidate is allowed to take on control cases and what lectures he has to attend once or even twice. The training analyst in his turn is working in close co-operation with the control analyst and the lecturers of the candidate. On an average the training lasts three to four years.

Concerning your question about the meetings of the two or three groups, there are no separate meetings, but exactly as it was in Berlin, the Society meets every three weeks. Your next question concerning the training program, it is agreed upon by the Training's Committee and the Council, who are elected yearly by the members of the Society.

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"Training Committee" F.6.

As to your question about the Educational Committee, this does not exist at all, but instead three years ago a new training scheme for child therapists has been started by Anna Freud and Käte Friedlaender. It is run independently but in agreement with the Society. If you want to know more about this three years' training, I could, of course, let you have all the details.

Quite apart from these two official trainings Anna Freud has an "at home" fortnightly, where theoretical and practical problems can be discussed. But for these evenings she chooses whom she wishes to invite.

Please do ask as many questions as you want to put forward, I shall always be only too glad to answer them.

I am expecting Mrs. Fenichel next week and am looking forward to discussing my plans with her.

I do hope that you had a restful holiday and that your wife could at long last go on her intended trip.

Yours cordially,

Marjorie Rubin

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