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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY DR. MINDLIN

- 1) Background of the split
- 2) The reasons for the split
- 3) Why the Education Committee feels that the conflict is irreconcilable and necessitates the formation of two groups
- 4) Whether the Education Committee feels that the scientific and personal differences are completely unbridgeable
- 5) Question of split being based on personality clashes rather than on scientific differences
- 6) Is there any basis on which the two groups might get together

We believe all these questions are answered in the statement.

- 7) What is the relation of the Education Committee of the Institute to the Society?

The Education Committee is made up of 7 training analysts, who are members of the Society. Furthermore, the Committee on Education is also the Executive Committee of the Training School of the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis.

The members of the Education Committee are elected from among the training analysts of the Society by the training analysts. Members of the Education Committee may withdraw or resign, since there is no special provision making this illegal.

- 8) If two institutes are set up, whether the individual candidates can take courses of both institutes and how this will be arranged
- 9) Can an individual candidate do control analysis with a training analyst of the other institute?

For the time being, candidates will be permitted to take courses and do controls with members of either Institute. The exact procedure after the recognition of the new institute will be determined in the course of time.

- 10) If there are two Societies will it be possible to have membership in both Societies?

It is not known whether there is any ruling of the American Psychoanalytic Association about that, and this, too, will be determined by the policy once the two Societies have been established.



- 11) What does the Education Committee feel are the scientific differences that are so important?

We believe this has been answered in the statement.

- 12) Regarding the statement made to the candidates by several training analysts about the inadvisability of having a representative attend this meeting because of transference

It has been found that many candidates react to the separation within the Education Committee and Institute as though it were a family quarrel. Therefore, it would seem prudent to do everything which would keep this conflict as much as possible on a realistic level. It is felt that a written presentation of the facts is better able to accomplish this than the personal and simultaneous appearance of the members from both groups.

- 13) Some statement about the rumor that graduation will be postponed.

We believe this was answered in the statement.

- 14) What about the Board of Trustees for the Institute?

It is felt that the same differences of opinion which created difficulties within the Education Committee have also delayed the formation of the Board of Trustees.

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