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Dr. Ernst Lewy  
407 Commercial Center Street  
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Dear Dr. Lewy:

Thank you for your letter of April 17. The members of the Committee on Institutes have full understanding for your precarious situation. We will try to do our best, but since the time is very short, I do not think that any action will be taken at the annual meeting in Detroit. Besides there are some principle problems to be solved with regard to the letters of endorsement. As long as no decision is taken by the Committee on Institutes or the Board on Professional Standards, you and the other group will have to find a practical solution along the lines of the Philadelphia group, that is, you can organize two divisions of the Los Angeles Institute, which from a legal point of view represent one institute, and from any practical point of view and de facto are autonomous divisions of one institute.

The splitting of existing institutes into two institutes represents an important problem to the Committee on Institutes as well as to the Board on Professional Standards. The consequences of such splitting have to be considered very carefully. The members of the Committee, however, feel that the separation may be healthier, especially if candidates are involved in the ideological differences.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward Bibring*

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cc: Drs. Benedek, Knight, and Sterba

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