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Copy to Druckman

Dr. Ernest Simmel
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Los Angeles, Calif.

Subject: Doctor Druckmann

Dear Doctor Simmel:

I have discussed this prospective candidate with Dr. Karl and he is opposed to the Topeka Society's Education Committee making any exception or relaxation of the stated requirements. This would mean that Doctor Druckmann's ten months of work with the Veterans' Hospital some years ago which has not been followed by any further experience in psychiatry could not count as meeting the requirements for a full time residency for one year.

According to the ruling that a candidate is not really accepted as a candidate until after he finishes his didactic analysis, he can start an analysis anyway and hope to cope with this problem later on, either by taking a year's residency or by making some adjustment which will satisfy the new California Society and the Chicago Institute. However, we do not feel that we as a young Society should make exceptions for special cases since in reality every candidate regards himself as a special case in transition from what he was doing to what he wants to do.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Knight

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