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Call
Druckman
October 2, 1941

Dr. Ernest Simmel
555 Wilcox Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Doctor Simmel:

We sent a curriculum vitae blank to Dr. Druckman, a copy of which I am enclosing as filled out by him.

When Dr. Knight returned from Los Angeles he wrote me a note about Dr. Druckman saying he had seen him at your request. The question seemed to be whether or not his nine or ten months at a Veterans Hospital would be accepted as constituting the full psychiatric residence requirement for psychoanalytic training.

Dr. Knight and I feel that it would not. In the first place, we do not know what hospital this was in which he worked; nor do we know what type of work was done at that hospital or what amount of didactic and other instruction Dr. Druckman had. We do not know whether the hospital was one approved for psychiatric residencies. We do not know in what capacity Dr. Druckman served. Even if all of these things could be answered satisfactorily, the fact remains he had only ten months of it, and he is not very explicit about these dates -- it may have been only eight and one-half months.

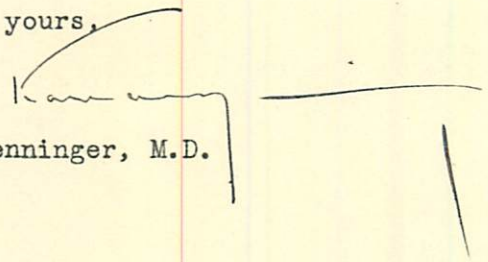
For these reasons we feel very much disinclined to agree to any relaxation of our fixed rules on this point. We recognize that Dr. Druckman has some economic problems which make it necessary for him to try to cut corners if possible, but we are very loath to make any exceptions. It may be that when California gets its own Society that its training committee will feel like handling the problem somewhat differently but for the present we recommend that Dr. Druckman be informed that we cannot accept what he offers as a fulfillment of the requirement. He might also be told that if he wishes to furnish evidence that he had ten months of resident psychiatry at a hospital approved for psychiatric residencies, and has since done two more months in a hospital

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approved for psychiatric residencies that we would reconsider
this matter.

Frankly and unofficially, I see nothing to
make me think Dr. Druckman is a particularly promising candi-
date under any circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karl A. Menninger', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below it.

Karl A. Menninger, M.D.

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