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Dear Doctor Simmel:

For purposes of our record, I want to discuss the case of Dr. Byron Stewart.

As you know, Doctor Stewart was formerly on our staff here and began an analysis with Doctor Knight, but discontinued it for something like a year, for various reasons; then he went to Los Angeles and began an analysis with Doctor Fenichel without, I believe, the approval of the training committee. We have no record of any report from Doctor Fenichel concerning him.

From our standpoint, Doctor Stewart needed the analysis for therapeutic reasons primarily. Whether or not he considers himself a candidate in training, I do not know. I should say that he had the necessary educational and professional qualifications, but I am not sure that he has the psychological qualifications. I am writing this letter without conferring with Doctor Knight, as I shall ask him to state his opinion in a separate letter.

It is my impression that we should ask Doctor Fenichel to give us a statement regarding this question. If Doctor Stewart is not a candidate and never will be, there is, of course, no reason why Doctor Fenichel should report to us about him. If there is any likelihood that he will wish to be considered as a candidate later, I think Doctor Fenichel should give us his impressions at the present time and also subsequent reports as the analysis proceeds.

Sincerely yours,



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