

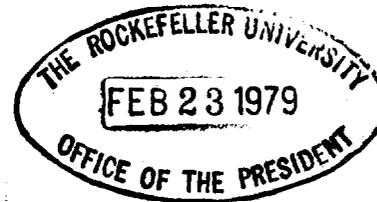


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Professor Vincent Dole  
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Dear Vince:

Thanks for your note about Extein's paper regarding the distinctions he believes should be made between "state" and "trait" disorders. Quite frankly, I have never been a fan of psychiatry of this sort. So, as a well-informed amateur, I had come to the same conclusion you did and I was delighted to have your professional confirmation.

As you know, Josh Lederberg is extremely interested in considering the possibility of starting a new research program here in what might be called biochemical psychiatry--with emphasis, as you suggest, on the biochemical basis of disease. If you have any specific suggestions about research directions or, even more important, gifted younger investigators in this area, both Josh and I would like to chat with you about them.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Nichols  
Executive Vice President

cc: President Joshua Lederberg