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Dr. Frederick W. Appel
Executive Secretary
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Division of Research Grants
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Dear Doctor Appel:

I would give strong support to Dr. Talmage's application. The program that he has set out is quite similar to the objectives that a number of other investigators have addressed themselves to - as Talmage has pointed out - but he is at least as likely as anyone else to make important advances. He has an excellent background of experimental work and theoretical insight. The approach that he has in mind is a direct one and, in a situation where so many parameters have still to be discovered on a purely empirical basis, he might find the indispensable key. Even if he does not, I am confident that his work will be productive and useful.

Yours sincerely,

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