

*Tarabault State School  
& Hospital*

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Dear Doctor Black:

Dr. Herbert Dörken turned over to me your letter of May 9, 1961. I think he is also intending to answer your letter briefly. I am afraid that you would not be eligible for a Community Mental Health Program assignment under present conditions. For obvious reasons, a full medical licensure in Minnesota would be required for such a position. Our licensing laws here are, unfortunately, rather strict. The up-shot of it is that unless you are a graduate of a U.S. or Canadian school, you can only obtain medical licensure in Minnesota following a two-year period in one of our hospitals. For these purposes the Board of Medical Examiners has consented to call this a period of "Internship" although in actual fact the physician is a member of the active medical staff. For these purposes the physician is granted, for the period of two years, the so-called Temporary Certificate for Graduate Training. Within the two years he must sit both examinations in Basic Sciences and a separate series of examinations in clinical subjects. Upon receipt of the medical license he would, of course, then be free to practice medicine under any conditions in the state. Unfortunately, this system applies regardless of any specialized training which the physician may have had, or other credentials or documentation including ECFMG.

In other words, this procedure invariably applies to anyone who is not a graduate of a U.S. or Canadian school whatever his qualifications may be. This makes life a little rugged as you can imagine and we have lost many very fine British-trained people as a result, since it is obvious that the conditions are somewhat rigorous. In your case, since you are a graduate of the University of St. Andrews, you would be required to meet all these conditions.

I think we do have some attractive hospital jobs here and if you are interested in pursuing the matter further we would certainly like to do business with you. If it were still your intent to move out into a community mental health program a two-year period in a hospital setting would give you a chance to learn something about our state and to become acquainted with members of the professional community. Since the community program is expanding very rapidly I think one could predict with assurance that vacancies for psychiatrists will be developing right along.

According to your letter your credentials are briefly as follows: You have a DPM from the University of London, 1949, and are certified as a Psychiatric Specialist by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1954. Your experience appears to include four years of Psychiatric hospital work in Great Britain including

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Outpatient activities, three years as Psychiatrist and then Clinical Director in the Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases at St. Johns at Newfoundland which includes work with a Day Hospital, and six years of experience as Clinical Director and Assistant Superintendent of the Provincial Hospital in Lancaster, New Brunswick. This is indeed a very broad and comprehensive experience. At the present time this would allow you a certification as Psychiatrist II in our Civil Service classifications. This pays \$11,400 - \$13,872 with some additional emoluments depending upon whether you would be living on or off of the hospital grounds.

To give you some further background information I am sending a copy of our recently completed two-year progress report. I am also sending a nice picture book showing the beauties of our fair State. Finally I enclose a Civil Service application form should you wish to pursue the matter further. I am having my letter reproduced and will send it to our hospital superintendents. You may be hearing from one or more of them.

I hope that your interest in Minnesota continues. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Medical Director