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Dear Doctor Osheroff:

Doctor John Talbott, President of the American Psychiatric Association, has sent on to me materials relating to your lawsuit. I am Chair of the American Psychiatric Association's Council on Psychiatry and Law, and Doctor Talbott has asked me to consider your materials. What he has sent me are the following:

(1) A Deposition by Gerald Klerman. (2) A Deposition by Joan Narad. (3) A Deposition by Frank Ayd, Jr., and finally, (4) materials from an autobiographical account which I take it you have written yourself. The material is interesting in its own right, however, if there is a possibility of considering it, we need more information.

Did the lawsuit go to court or was it settled? If the lawsuit went to court, what defenses, if any, did the defendant offer? Was the respectable minority rule discussed or litigated in any way? Did the hospital's liability insurance settle and if so, what was the theory of the settlement? How did they calculate the damages? Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I hope you understand that the APA has only a limited role in these matters but for us to play that role responsibly, the Council on Psychiatry and Law needs more information than we now possess.

Sincerely yours,

Alan A. Stone, M.D.

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