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RE: Raphael J. Osheroff, M.D.

Dear Dr. Slavney:

As Dr. Osheroff has informed you, I met him under rather unusual circumstances. In 1982, he requested that I testify for him as a psychiatric expert with regard to his malpractice action against Chestnut Lodge.

Following several discussions with Dr. Osheroff and a careful review of the medical records, I became convinced that indeed his severe depression had been handled in a fashion that can only be described as malpractice. I so testified for him.

This contact with Dr. Osheroff afforded me an opportunity to assess him as a person, and as he now wishes, a potential psychiatrist.

I have found Dr. Osheroff to be highly intelligent, energetic, straightforward, erudite, ethical and well balanced. There is no question in my mind that he will make an excellent psychiatrist.

Some might wonder whether his motivation for leaving nephrology and going into psychiatry might stem from either vindictive wishes against those who mistreated him, or from some rescue fantasy with regard to others who have been unfortunate.

In my several discussions with Dr. Osheroff concerning his treatment, psychiatry in general and his own development as a psychiatrist, I have seen no evidence to sustain such motivational guesses. If anything, Dr. Osheroff's approach to psychiatry seems remarkably intellectual. He is challenged by the mysteries of impaired human behavior and hopes to be able to contribute to their illumination and care.

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Further, I do think that his unusual experience will make him a better, more thoughtful, more empathic doctor.

I unhesitatingly recommend Dr. Osheroff for your training program as an extremely promising and exceptional applicant.

Sincerely,

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