Dear Member:

It might be of interest to you to hear through an informal newsletter from time to time of the various activities of the Association.

The most important event during the last year was our First Annual Scientific Meeting which took place in Topeka on April 9-10 at The Menninger Foundation. On Friday evening, April 3, Drs. Karl and William Menninger and the other members of the Foundation were hosts at a cocktail party and at a dinner following at which a few words of welcome by the hosts and thanks on our side were exchanged. There were 87 members of the Association registered at the meeting and 15 special guests. A photograph (10 x 4) taken of a number of those attending the meeting is available to each member if he will send $1.00 with his request to Mr. Emlin E. North, Jr., Director of Information Services, The Menninger Foundation, 3617 West 6 Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66601.

The general feeling among the participants during the meeting was one of excitement and the impression that the beginning of something of importance was taking place.

Some excellent presentations were offered, but the high point of the scientific meeting was provided by Dr. Anna Freud's continuous participation as discussant and moderator in our deliberations.

The generous hospitality of Drs. Karl and William Menninger and their staff contributed considerably to the success of the meeting.

At a luncheon meeting on Saturday, April 9, the regional representatives reported on activities of groups already existing and of other study groups that were in the stages of being inaugurated. Others we hope will follow. As we receive more detailed information, we shall send this on to you.

As of this date the present membership numbers 178. We are in the process of preparing a Roster for the fall, and ask that each member fill out the enclosed postcard, on receiving it, and return it to Dr. Elisabeth R. Geleerd, Chairman of the Membership Committee, 1148 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10028.

We are starting to plan for our next Annual Meeting and would be grateful to have your recommendations for its program. Should you wish to present a paper, please let us know. If workshops or panel meetings would be favored by you, we would be interested in knowing so. It would be a great help to Dr. Anny Katan,
Chairman of the Program Committee, 2550 Arlington Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, to have such suggestions as early as possible.

We are about to prepare some By-laws necessary to facilitate the nomination of officers for next year.

Since it is of the utmost importance that all members are acquainted with the requirements for membership and for sponsorship, the Membership Committee would like to refer you to the paragraphs pertaining to criteria for membership which were sent you following the Second Membership Meeting which held in New York, December 1, 1965. We realize that you may have misplaced the original copy or that, if your membership took place in 1966, you may not have received this information.

"Potential members can only be sponsored by a member of the AACP. The sponsoring member should inform the Membership Committee of the training, clinical and/or research capability of the potential member, and some additional names of reference should be furnished by the sponsor. If the potential member is neither a member of the American, nor of an Institute accredited by the American, the sponsor should also furnish the Membership Committee with a curriculum vitae of the potential member. Individuals who work in research only are eligible. Minimum criteria for those potential members who have not been trained in an Institute or in another recognized training institution for child analysis are:

1. The member should have, preferably, a minimum of 3 years of analysis by an analyst acceptable to the Committee.

2. Information should be provided as to the theoretical knowledge and background of the potential member, as well as how and where such were acquired. If it exists, a list of his publications should be added.

3. Information regarding current activities should be given.

4. Those who work in clinical child analysis and/or adolescent analysis (the age of the adolescents should be between 12 and 16 years) should have had supervision of two or three cases, a minimum of two years each and one case carried for more than two years. The supervisors should be acceptable to the committee.

Points 1-4 apply to potential members who are engaged in the practice of child analysis.

Points 1-3 apply to potential members who work in research only."

With my very best wishes for a pleasant summer, and in the fall you will hear from me again of the worthwhile happenings of the AACP,

Sincerely yours,

Marianne Kris M.D.
President