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Prof. K.B. Absolon, F.A.A.P.,
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Amarillo,
Texas,
U.S.A.

Dear Prof. Absolon,

Dr. Emil Coufalik who is at present attached to the Department of Neo-Natology at the University College Hospital, Chenies Mews, London is an applicant for the post of Consultant Paediatrician in this hospital and has given your name as a referee.

The post is virtually a whole-time one in that nine-elevenths of his time, on a notional sessional basis, will be required for the discharge of his responsibilities in charge of a Special Care Neo-Natal Unit. The remaining two-elevenths would be allowed to him to engage in private practice.

I should be glad if you could spare the time to let me have a detailed profile of his capabilities to discharge this post with special regard to the following matters:-

- (a) Clinical Work
- (b) Teaching and Practical
- (c) Administration and Organisation
- (d) Research
- (e) Relations with Personnel

In order to assist you I set out the following details about the hospital.

It is a new Maternity Hospital opened in July 1967 with 183 Maternity beds, 58 gynaecological beds, and 51 cots in the Special Care Unit. It is also a teaching hospital with medical attachments to the two Medical Schools in Dublin and is in addition a nurse training school for both Part I and Part II examinations. The annual number of deliveries for last year was 5,572. The number of admissions to the Baby Unit was 1,151. The hospital also provides clinics daily for babies in the post natal period, i.e. up to six weeks. The holder of this post would also have responsibility for routine check of babies born but not referred to the Special Care Unit.

The staffing is

- (a) 1 Whole Time Consultant Paediatrician
(the subject of this query)

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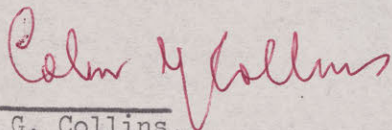
- (b) 1 Part-time Consultant Paediatrician
(12 hours weekly)
- (c) 1 Registrar
- (d) 2 House Officers
- (e) 36 on nursing staff.

I enclose copy of the annual report for 1967 which I hope will be of assistance to you.

The post is the most important one in the Neo-Natal Department and we are anxious that the person appointed, as well as being competent to discharge the responsibilities and duties of the post, should be able to develop it to its full potential.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,



Colm G. Collins,
Secretary/Manager.

Dear Mr Collins

I thank

This communication is in reply to your inquiry concerning Dr Emil Cerylik, of the department of Neo-Natology; University College Hospital London.

I have known Dr Cerylik since my student days in Czechoslovakia until 1948, when I started my medical school studies in the United States. I kept in touch by correspondence, especially after his ~~re~~ relocation to England. I know that Emil is a sincere devout Catholic, whose family for this reason suffered persecution in communist Czechoslovakia.

For a number of years Dr E Cerylik was engaged in neonatology. His publications and work in toxicology, which earned him his Doctorate of philosophy, certainly are of excellent quality.

after graduating from
medical school

His recent activity in ~~the Department~~ Neo-Natology in London, should transfer to your department, the most recent advances on the subject. To associate clinical work and teaching, I know is his aim.

A personal interview will indicate to you, that he is a serious, well motivated, dedicated doctor.