the phenomenological literature if he seeks illumi-
nation on the (apparent) objections he has raised –
consulting in particular the works of Kurt Goldstein,
Aron Gurwitch, Maurice Merleau-Ponty and R. D.
Laing. Suffice it now to say that his notion of "a
phenomenological metaphysic" is fundamentally
incoherent. It has been the perpetual endeavour of
phenomenology to avoid (Husserl) or to dissolve
(Heidegger) questions regarded in the philosophical
tradition as "metaphysical". The ambition of both
the founding fathers (Husserl and Heidegger) has
been to recover, in their own striking but divergent
ways, and in an absolutely original manner, the
primordial experience of man's contact with the
world.

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Further reading

SPIEGELBERG, H. (1972) Phenomenology in Psychology
and Psychiatry: A historical introduction. Evanston:
Northwestern University Press.
and Philosophy. Berlin and Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag.

Fear of flying

DEAR SIRS

I am writing to enquire whether there are prac-
titioners working in the field of the treatment of
fear of flying who would like to take part in an
international study I am coordinating. The study
was developed following presentation of my research
results at several international conferences. The
research examined the nature of fear of flying and the
process of cognitive change during treatment which
consisted of a standardised two session treatment
programme, the second session being a return flight
to Europe.

Contact has been made with doctors and psychol-
gists working in various centres, and a standardised
questionnaire developed which will enable inter-
national comparisons to be made on the different
types of treatment, and their effectiveness, and add to
the understanding of the process of cognitive change.
Clinicians are invited to participate in this study.
Referrals are also being accepted for the study.

Please contact Elaine Iljon Foreman, Chartered
Clinical Psychologist, at EIF Consulting Rooms,
21A Dean Road, London NW2 5AB (telephone/fax
081 459 3428, for further details).

I look forward to your reply.

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Psychiatric vignettes

The editors welcome vignettes of not more than 300
words. 'Tea with Alzheimer' by Henry R. Rollin
(Psychiatric Bulletin, September 1993, 17, 566) can be
used as a model.

Errata

'Preparing for Mental Health Review Tribunals:
reports and dilemmas' by B. Brockman (Psychiatric
Bulletin, September 1993, 17, 544-547): the second
reference should have read Langley, G.E.

'Counselling in Primary Care? Expectations,
values and effectiveness' (Conference briefing, Psy-
spelling of the author's name is Margreet Peutz.