Therefore

$$\lim_{s \to \infty} \psi(C(s)'p_r) = \lim_{s \to \infty} (C(s)\psi)(p_r) =$$

$$= \psi_O(p_r) = \psi_O(1) = \lim_{s \to \infty} (C(s)\psi)(1) = \psi(1) ,$$

which proves (b).

Suppose that (b) is satisfied. Since C(s)'p<sub>r</sub>  $\leq 1$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}_+$  we obtain (c). (Use that for  $(x_\alpha) \in M_+$  we have  $\lim_\alpha x_\alpha = 0$  in the weak\*-topology if and only if  $\lim_\alpha x_\alpha = 0$  in the  $s^*(M,M_*)$ -topology.)

Suppose that (c) holds. Since each C(s)' is an identity preserving Schwarz map we obtain for all  $x \in M$ :

$$(C(s)'((1-p_r)x))(C(s)'((1-p_r)x)*) \le$$

$$\le C(s)'((1-p_r)xx*(1-p_r)) \le$$

$$\le ||x||^2 C(s)'(1-p_r),$$

hence

$$s*(M,M_*)-lim_{s\to\infty} C(s)'((1-p_r)x) = 0$$
.

In particular we obtain for all  $x \in Fix(T')$  that

$$x = \sigma(M, M_{\star}) - \lim_{s \to \infty} C(s) 'x = \sigma(M, M_{\star}) - \lim_{s \to \infty} C(s) '(p_{r}x)$$
.

Especially for 0  $\neq$  x  $\in$  Fix(T) we obtain  $p_r x p_r \neq 0$ . Since the W\*-algebra  $p_r M p_r$  is the dual of  $p_r M_* p_r$  and since  $T^{(r)}$  is strongly ergodic, it follows that the fixed space of T separates the points of Fix(T'). Thus T is strongly ergodic ([Krengel (1985), Chap. 2, Thm. 1.4]).

It follows from the result above that the semigroup in [Evans (1977)] cannot be strongly ergodic on  $B(H)_{\star}$  since the associated recurrent projection is zero. But for irreducible semigroups we have the following result.