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Dear Leo:

Enclosed is a short summary of our presentation at the
CINP.

I was flying with one of your classmates, Arthur Schwartz
this past weekend. Did you know he has built his own amphibian,
and has temerity to fly it? Indeed, I watched him! He sends his
regards.

I ~~read~~ your report, and that of the other participants,
to the Deer Lodge Conference. While the consensus supported the
visual behavioral and symptom aspects of testing new psychotera-
peutic drugs, no mention was made of the measurement of cerebral
effects as indices, which may be as useful in volunteers as patients.
I am sure we are responsible in large measure for our failure to
communicate but the data of EEG classification studies of psycho-
active drugs is really more exciting than the washed-out responses
quoted in the symposium. Of course, the newer methods require some
rigorous attention to drug, dose, setting, recording, etc. to be
precise - controls that are difficult to achieve unless one is
careful. For example, we have consistently found EEG changes with
cannabis - changes missed, we believe, by earlier observers because
of methodological problems. Anyway, we are not as depressed about
studies of new drugs in volunteers - indeed, it is an exciting de-
velopment.

I enjoyed the Copenhagen meeting. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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