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Dear Dr. Efron:

Thank you very much for your kind remarks concerning our report describing the discrimination of amobarbital changes using our latest computer methods. I look forward to discussing this with you at our next meeting.

The comments in your second paragraph are indeed stimulating. This program was developed during my stay on the Clinical Committee, when the Committee was concerned with the support of basic science studies such as rating scales, psychological tests and new methods for determination of drug effects. We have worked extensively with a great variety of psychotropic and hallucinogenic drugs, and have many records on schizophrenic and other psychotic patients. The results of those studies are now being analyzed and I look forward to presenting that material during the next six to twelve months. Recently, we requested and received additional support under grant MH-07249 (now MH-11380) so that we could extend these studies.

Your comment concerning the condition of administration of the drugs such as rates and different routes is equally important. I reviewed this aspect of our problem at the recent CINP Meeting and am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of those remarks as they will appear in the next volume.

Equally important is your suggestion concerning an atlas or catalog of different psychotropic drugs. In part, I hinted at this in the paper I presented at the Yale Symposium in 1963 and Dr. Itil and I have been working very actively in developing such a catalog. I hope that the work in Missouri will culminate in such a volume.

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Finally, your suggestion that this be tried in animals is very relevant. Our animal laboratories are now being completed and I look forward to the opportunity of undertaking studies in dogs just as soon as the personnel for such a program can be recruited.

I want to thank you for your kind remarks, for it is always a pleasure for a scientist to receive the approval of his co-workers.

Sincerely yours,

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