

May 26, 1970

Mr. Jonathan Cowan
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Dear Mr. Cowan,

Your letter of May 23, 1970 was received and I have discussed its contents with the Chairman of the Department. We are pleased to have your interest in the treatment of opiate dependence with naloxone. It has been difficult to obtain supplies and the studies are not ongoing at this time, due largely to the lack of supplies.

One part of your letter contains an error. The general approach of embedding chemicals in a silastic membrane and using such devices for the slow delivery of chemicals is a research technique of wide applicability. Our interest was occasioned by the reports that the Population Council of New York was attempting to develop such a delivery system for birth control agents. The similarity between their problems and our own led us to investigate their techniques and to use their consultants as our own.

Good luck in your studies.

Sincerely yours,

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