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Dear Leo,

As you can see from the enclosed carbon, I find myself more in agreement with those you have criticized than with your own position. It is sad, that even now, five years after the initial meetings of the Committee on Clinical Drug Evaluation, we have so few strong investigating teams for early clinical drug work and that the models are still, almost exclusively, based on clinical criteria. The pioneer work of Lehmann in attempting to use psychological tests, the interest of Itil and myself in EEG, the biochemical investigations of Denber, are but a few of the alternate approaches in man which may, hopefully, provide better bases for determination of drug patterns. But I must feel, with Arthur and the others, that your criticism of the few units that are doing the hard and serious exploration, was largely unjustified, and, as you can see from my letter, if they are willing to delete the *ad hominen* references which do no-one any good, then perhaps the dialogue will be useful.

It is always a pleasure to argue with you.

Sincerely yours,

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