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Dear Arnold:

It was kind of you to write about S-2809, a bill sponsored by Senator Tunney. I had read this bill before and found its intent most worthwhile. The means, however, carry two potential (and unnecessary) pitfalls - a focus on a limited number of regional centers, and the increased focus on a political source of control, notably the White House.

A copy of my response to Senator Tunney is enclosed for your information.

At this time, support for the establishment of a national institute for drug abuse research and training seems to be sorely needed. Senator Tunney's bill seems to diffuse the energies from this important effort.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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