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Dear Stanley:

From our conversation this morning, you know that Dr. Don was suddenly called away during my vacation. He has requested a leave of absence for one year to return home to South Africa to care for his mother who has a prolonged illness.

Before I left we had discussed the continuation of a collection of LSD and Saline control tapes in our schizophrenic patients. As I review the records I find eleven LSD tapes (including the one you have), each based on 1 gamma per kilogram dosage. The examinations include a pre-administration interview and a second interview at 45 or 60 minutes. (At these times we also have EEG samples, measures of pupillary size and a simple rating scale.)

In addition, five of the subjects have had a Saline investigation; and one subject has had three additional administrations at one week intervals.

One of the tapes is marked "Poor separation of speakers."

Thus, I think there are ten good tapes for ten different subjects and three additional tapes for one of these; and five Saline tapes. These were all done by Dr. Don.

I am fortunate in having another young psychiatrist on the staff who could probably be seduced into continuing this study.

As I discussed with you this morning, I do not have a member of my staff at present whom I can send to you for training. If there is any merit in analyzing these tapes for the preliminary information that it may give us regarding the differences in LSD response in this population compared to your group, then I would be glad to support it to the extent that I can with the analyses of these tapes in your laboratory. It seems to me if this analysis shows that the study is of sufficient interest to be continued

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then I believe I can do so since the patients, the EEG laboratory and an investigator are available to us.

Let me know your thoughts. My best regards. My best wishes in your study.

Sincerely yours,

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