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Dr. David Lehr, Chairman
Research Committee
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Dear David,

The study "Anticholinergic Drugs, Convulsive Therapy and Alterations in Brain Function in Man" was approved September 23, 1968, and initial work was performed by Dr. Robert Levine. The attached protocol "Multiple Monitored Electroconvulsive Therapy" is submitted as an amendment of that project. The essential differences from the previous protocol are:

1. Administration of electroconvulsive therapy multiple treatments each session.
2. Addition of newer memory tasks.
3. Addition of behavioral ratings (Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression, Beckomberga Rating Scale for Schizophrenia)
4. Lumbar puncture for assessment of CNS biochemical changes after ECT.
5. Deletion of syntactic analyses, administration of anticholinergic compounds.

May I request this continuation be filed as an amendment of that project?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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