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Dear Monique,

Following our conversation yesterday, I am writing to confirm our understanding regarding our chronic marijuana study. The advisory committee on psychotomimetics has recommended that we not allow our volunteer subjects to smoke marijuana daily for more than seven consecutive days without an intervening 7 day rest period.

This recommendation seems consistent with the experience of the committee and we will modify the protocol in the experimental design. Instead of "Subjects will smoke one active cigarette on each of 21 consecutive days" we will plan,

*Each subject will smoke one active cigarette on each of seven consecutive days. There will be an intervening week of daily reporting, and in the absence of withdrawal or secondary symptoms, each subject will again smoke one active cigarette for seven consecutive days. This will be done with the initial group of 8 subjects.*

*If these tests are without overt consequences, we will study the second group of 8 volunteers with a 14 day active drug schedule and 14 days off; repeating 14 days if no consequences are reported.*

For these two phases, and allowing for some dropouts and spillage, we will require 400 grams marijuana with a rated THC-delta-9 content of 1.5%.

In the event that the placebo marijuana is available, I would like to modify the above protocol as follows:

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*" . . . There will be an intervening week when the subjects will smoke a placebo marijuan cigarette, each containing no active material, and in the absence of . . . "*

If this modification is acceptable, we would request 200 grams of placebo marijuana.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated, and we are pleased to be able to undertake these studies, which seem so important for the national interest. We have delayed the onset of the study by one week, having scheduled the first subjects for Monday, June 14 and trust that these supplies may be available by that date.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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