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Dear Joe and Stanley,

It is my impression that the Clinical Committee is interested in supporting process studies of L.S.D. It is a problem, however, as to whether they will feel competent to evaluate as technical a proposal as yours. The chief stumbling blocks, as described on the phone, are:

1. Are the suggested measures relevant and capable of reflecting changes in behavior and attitude as influenced by L.S.D?

2. Are the statistical techniques sufficiently defined to permit adequate tests with small numbers of subjects (i.e. the problem of high interrelations of repeated measures in same subjects)?

3. Aggrandizement of the investigator, and fees in the proposed venture, defined in the instruction of the patients.

4. Role of therapy evaluation (outcome) measures in such a complex procedure, (21 session, long term therapy subjects, etc.), with the recommendation either that therapy evaluation be deleted or made more detailed and explicit.

If the staff members (Drs. Levine, Waskow, et al.) made other suggestions, I would deem them helpful and would suggest incorporating them with the protocol wherever practicable and financially feasible.

I am leaving the Committee and will probably not participate in their next session. I can do no more for the project than these preliminary "readings" and my ad hoc advice. If you believe I can be of any assistance in the study, please feel free to call on me, as I believe it to be an important application of psycholinguistic theories. If any visit to New York would be helpful, I am sure the University

will permit me to leave for a reasonable period, provided funds could be made available for travel (\$130), maintenance (\$25/day) and consultant fees (\$150/day). If this interests you, my curriculum vitae is enclosed for your use.

Sincerely yours,

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