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Dear Chris,

I very much enjoyed the sessions in Ann Arbor, and regret that I was unable to remain the full week. I look forward to the publication of the Proceedings.

Enclosed is a draft copy of my report, "A Rational Therapy of Opiate Dependence: Narcotic Antagonists", for your consideration for the volume.

The unusual interest in methadone surprised me. Many practitioners are accepting methadone maintenance as a quick cure of the opiate addiction problem. It is a facile solution, but one which promises much more than it can deliver. But in our experience, it merely exaggerates the problem and delays any definitive solution. With all their limitations, the antagonists provide a possible "real" solution.

I trust the report will be acceptable, and that any summaries or overviews may reflect the dilemma and its doubts that trouble us.

Again, my congratulations on the organization of a fine meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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