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Food and Drug Administration
Washington, D.C. 20204

Attention: Merle M. Gibson, M.D.

Dear Dr. Gibson:

Enclosed is a protocol and supporting data for a study of " ℓ -alpha-acetylmethadol as a Maintenance Treatment of Opiate Dependence." This study will be done in the Department of Psychiatry at the Metropolitan Hospital Medical Center. The program is part of our ongoing treatment and evaluation studies under the auspices of the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

We have been advised by the manufacturer, Merck Sharp and Dohme, that supplies of ℓ -alpha-acetylmethadol (MK-790) will be available as soon as we obtain an IND, and the enclosed material has been prepared by them for submission.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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