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Dear Rudy:

As you know, we have been determining the threshold to LSD in our schizophrenic patients using EEG and language measures as criteria for the LSD response. We are faced with the necessity of obtaining a comparison group, and it was suggested that we undertake trials of LSD in volunteers.

In earlier studies we have given LSD to volunteers for a single administration in doses up to 2 gamma per kg. We are now anticipating the repeated administration of LSD in doses varying from 0.25 to 1.5 gamma per kg, at weekly intervals for an average of six administrations.

I would be grateful for any information which you may have available regarding the repeated administration of LSD in normal volunteers in this dosage range and at rates as frequent as one administration a week or every ten days. Specifically, our research committee is interested in determining if there is any evidence regarding the development of addiction to such administration or the induction of psychosis.

Dr. H. Leuner visited us last week and presented his findings to our research group. Thank you for your recommendation for we enjoyed it very much.

Sincerely yours,

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