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Mr. Robert Ubell
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Dear Mr. Ubell,

It was kind of you to send me an outline of Dr. Miras' proposed volume on marijuana. I think there is a definite need for a definitive report on the chemistry and pharmacology of cannabis, and I know no one better equipped than Dr. Miras to carry it out.

The outline is a good one. There are two additions that you may suggest to Dr. Miras, both because they are valuable and because I believe he can provide the data.

In chapter I, a description of the sources of cannabis, differences in growing conditions in different countries, and the relation of these factors to the contents of the products. The botany of the plant is mostly described in esoteric texts, and Dr. Miras has the experience of growing his own to make some pithy comments on the problems.

In chapter IIc, perhaps a section on the chemical identification procedures for the active ingredients from the plants, could include statements about the reliability of the assay, examples of assays from different plant sources, and the stability of plant materials over time.

I congratulate you on finding an excellent author and a worthy subject.

Sincerely yours,

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