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Dear John,

It was good to receive your chatty letter. I had just spent many pleasant hours with Elliott, discussing his programs (at the A.M.A. and A.T.S. meetings) and your letter rounded out what I had heard. The only note that seemed omitted from your letter that he highlighted was a possible study of naloxone. If there will be a better way of treating opiate addicts, it should come from a compound with the specificity of naloxone. We are now at 3.0Gms/day and one of the contracts that I discussed with Sid Cohen was one for embedding naloxone in silastic.

Your visit during September will be most welcome. The week you selected, unfortunately is the time of the International EEG meetings in San Diego. Indeed, I had hoped to visit you during that week. If you will be in New York, you should visit our unit. It has some features quite different from Dole and Nyswander. The best data can be gleaned from Dick Resnick and Arthur Zaks, and I will arrange to have you spend some time with them, if you wish. You should also visit the unit at Gracie Square Hospital, to see what a methadone program can do when it is put on a money-making basis.

Also, if you will specify the time you will be in New York, I would like to ask you to talk to our research seminar group on your experiences. These seminars are informal, attended by 10-12 members of the staff and some residents, and provide us with the opportunity to discuss issues of interest to us. If you are agreeable, I will ask Stan Feldstein (who monitors the series) to act as host in my absence.

Have a good summer.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

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