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Dr. Irvine Page, Editor
Modern Medicine
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Dear Dr. Page:

Your editorial, "Further Evidence on Methadone and Criminal Addicts" is commendable in its recognition of the contributions of Drs. Dole and Nyswander to the treatment of this problem. Further data now available, and not included in your summary, support your recognition.

Dr. Dole has reported in the successful treatment of a group of involuntary, incarcerated criminal addicts - a group heretofore considered completely untreatable. (Presented at the NAS-NRC meeting in Palo Alto, February 1968).

In our independent study of opiate antagonists, we have used methadone maintenance as our "standard" treatment. The treatment is highly successful with a negligible drop-out rate. Expansion of this program has been limited only by our desire to continue our exploration of alternate treatment models, notably cyclazocine and naloxone, and not by any difficulties with the methadone treatment program.

Finally, you will be interested in knowing that Dr. Efren Ramirez has left his post for reasons that are undefined, described unofficially as disenchantment with the results of his program.

Your support of Drs. Dole and Nyswander is welcome and commended.

Sincerely yours,

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