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Dear Dr. ter Haar,

Enclosed is a draft copy of the revised report on the mechanisms in convulsive therapy, re-titled, *A Neuroendocrine Theory of Convulsive Therapy*. I am grateful for the clarifications resulting from the questions raised by your reviewers, and I believe the paper clearly separates what is established by research and experience and what is speculation on my part.

To answer the criticism of the lack of citations and yet, to meet the normal standards of the journal, I have noted that all citations to the experience with convulsive therapy are to my volume; all the statements regarding the neuroendocrine hypothesis are supported by references to the work of others. Almost all the citations to articles to the end of 1978 are also included in my volume, but the ones in 1979 are not. It seems that this solution to the questions may be manageable.

I look forward to your review.

Sincerely yours,

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