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Dear Al,

For the past two years I have tried to find the time to carry out my research and clinical commitments, serve the changing needs of the Department, particularly in opiate dependence, to write the many articles of the Division, and to write the books I would like to write - on EEG and drugs, on the narcotic antagonists, and on ECT. With the new services at Kirby and perhaps at Montrose, I fear I will not make any progress in summarizing my data.

I am writing to request a sabbatical year effective July 1, 1972. I joined the Department in April 1966 and believe I will be eligible at that time.

Such freedom will allow me to join the faculty of a university center or research laboratory in Europe, where the reports could be written (I hope) and I could learn more about psychopharmacology and electrophysiology. To make the necessary arrangements I will need the school's approval now. This will permit me to make my commitments, to work through our programs so they may be productive in my absence, and to plan adequate coverage for my programs. I believe my staff is adequate to maintain our programs without significant interruption.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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