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Dr. Peter Geerlings
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Dear Dr. Geerlings,

First, I want to thank you for your kindness in introducing me to ~~the~~ the Cosmos Club. It was an unusual experience, and the sights were more poignant than the descriptions in ~~our~~ our literature. It was anxiety provoking to see so many young people indulging in what was apparently a withdrawal phenomenon. That their elders did the same with alcohol did little to mitigate the impression that they were indulging in a public phant~~asy~~asy world. I was most struck by the young girl from Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Be that as it may, perhaps your solution is much better than ours-- that of sending these young people to prisons.

On my return I found your article on the analysis of illicit drugs on my desk, and I must congratulate you on undertaking an important study.

Separately, I am sending you our latest summaries. I believe these will be disappointing, since they reflect the usual academic studies, so far from the reality of the Cosmos Club.

My best regards and my thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

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