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Dr. J. Silvio
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National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute of Mental Health
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Re: HSM 42-73-260

Dear Dr. Silvio:

We wish to report that during the quarter October 1 to December 31, 1973, we averaged 19 patients each month to the drug abuse treatment facility at the Northport VAH. The majority of the admissions were multiple-drug abusers, including abuse of alcohol.

In the third week of November, the first patients were inducted into the levomethadyl-methadone cooperative study, and on December 31, nine patients were inducted into the study. No difficulties or side effects have been observed, and acceptance of this treatment regimen has been good.

During December we detoxified three patients in anticipation that naltrexone would be available. Supplies not being available, these patients have been reinducted into methadone maintenance.

Staffing remains unchanged, and we are actively recruiting two additional counselors for the expanding outpatient part of the program.

Attached is a table describing the census for this quarter.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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cc: D. R. Charlton