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Dear Dr. Barclay:

At a recent meeting of the ECDEU investigators, Dr. Jonathan O. Cole brought the problems that are increasingly facing researchers in various States of the nation to our attention. He indicated that each State was frequently changing the laws and suggested we contact the agencies in our State to obtain the latest information regarding the laws now extant.

I have been carrying our research in human subjects in various institutions of the State for many years, lately, at the V. A. Hospital in Northport, on the campus at Stony Brook, and soon at the Central Islip State Hospital. I would appreciate references to the laws applicable to studies in human subjects, including patients who are mentally ill and normal volunteers. We study such special problems as the evaluation of new treatments (including drugs and convulsive therapy), and use controlled substances (cannabis and opiates).

Is there a codification of the laws applicable to these research problems? Is it possible to obtain copies through your office, or can you refer me to another that may make the documents available?

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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