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Dear Morris,

I very much enjoyed your report on a theory of acupuncture. The more I tried to relate what little the popular press describes about acupuncture to the DSS data, the more I am impressed that DSS represents a reasonable way to study the process.

The announcement of the formation of an NIH committee sent me to my files for the enclosed unpublished study. The 1956-1959 quantitative measurements provided a better means of studying DSS, and in 1963-64, when I began to play with a CAT, we designed the enclosed study to demonstrate the cerebral components of sensory interaction. We found evidence of interaction in the AEP but could not relate these changes to reports of extinction of stimuli.

The exercise does demonstrate a way to study the DSS problem in acupuncture, and may be of interest to you or your committee.

Good luck in the studies. Perhaps, DSS will yet become established as the explanation for the 'hypnosis' phenomenon which is now becoming the talk of the psychiatric community.

Sincerely yours,

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