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Dr. William Martin,
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Dear Bill,

Last year I was invited to lecture in Europe on our experiences with the narcotic antagonists. After I had indicated the need for longer lasting and pure narcotic antagonists, the vice-president of N.V. Organon sent me the enclosed memorandum on a compound n-cyclopropylmethylnoroxycodone hydrobromide (OI30). After reading this document I was impressed that the compound warranted further study. In seeking the NRC submissions I found that this compound had been tested as UM473 (NIH8050) and was presented in the 1964 meeting. The presentation is inadequate, but the data suggests the compound is long acting and an antagonist.

I have been asked by N.V. Organon to advise them along the proper steps to be taken to further develop this compound.

Ordinarily, I would have hesitated proceeding further, but in reading your report on naltrexone I have become anxious that this compound may also exhibit some of the agonistic features which have tended to discredit cyclazocine.

I would appreciate your advice as to whether OI30 warrants further investigation. All the available data is in the enclosed memorandum. Further study would require animal toxicology similar to those undertaken for diprenorphine and if "clean" further human testing. Unfortunately N.V. Organon does not hold the patent for this formulation and therefore, their principal interest is in contributing to our information. I believe they would make the compound available and would cooperate to the extent practicable should we encourage it.

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I would ask that you keep the information confidential until I have had an opportunity to discuss it with you. I would be grateful if you would take the time to advise me, for I know of no-one else whose view of the narcotic antagonists is so clear.

My very best wishes for a successful and happy new year.

Sincerely yours,

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