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Dear Monique,

At recent meetings on the subject of cannabis research in Marseille, I was impressed with the variety and extent of research into hashish (kif) and cannabis by Professor Henri Gastaut and his colleagues. They have excellent facilities for the evaluation of the central and systemic effects of various cannabis derivatives, and were assessing compounds of high THC activity, in dosages that were higher than those conventionally used in the United States.

To provide comparability between his findings and those of U.S. investigators, I suggested that he obtain some NIMH supplies and use these in parallel with his own materials, providing in his publications, some assessment of the changes induced by his materials and the U.S. materials.

Enclosed is a letter requesting some U.S. material from Professor Gastaut. I would urge your office to make such supplies as he may request available for him and his associates. Their findings will be complementary to our own, both in New York and in Athens, and should be of special interest to our scientists and the Marijuana Commission.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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