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13 November 1973

Mr. R. J. Gradwell
Contracting Officer
Contracts Management Branch
National Institute of Mental Health
5600 Fisher's Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: HSM42-70-98

Dear Mr. Gradwell:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to Dr. Stephen Szara, reporting progress in the study "Chronic Hashish Users in Greece" (HSM 42-70-98). Progress on this study has been outstandingly good, with the exception that the timetable which the Committee insisted upon in June cannot be met without terminating the study in an incomplete stage. I am, therefore, requesting an extension to April 30, 1974, and have outlined in my letter to Dr. Szara the reasons therefore and the state of the study during my visit to Athens on November 7 through 9.

Should an extension be possible, the Association will prepare the necessary supporting documents. Should the Committee recommend termination on December 31, we will submit a final report, copies of all of the data, etc., according to the contract.

Should you wish additional information, I suggest you discuss the progress in the study as witnessed by Dr. Szara and Dr. Smith during their visit to Athens in August.

It is a pleasure to work with you, and I trust we can bring this extraordinarily interesting study to a satisfactory completion.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

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