

July 17, 1970

Mr. John Ingersoll
Director, BNDD
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ingersoll,

For more than four years, we have been using diacetylmorphine (heroin) in our studies of the role of narcotic antagonists in the treatment of opiate dependence. Because of existing regulations, we have received our supplies from the Department of Justice on an informal basis.

In March, we requested an additional 10 grams of recrystallized heroin. We were assured that our request would be filled. It has not been to date.

Our supplies for study purposes is exhausted, and I am writing to request 10 grams of recrystallized heroin for research purposes-- purposes which are in the national health interest. This work is supported by funds of the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission, the National Institute of Mental Health, etc.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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