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Dear Mr. Glushein,

Many thanks for your kind invitation to meet with your fellow alumni of Cornell Law School on Wednesday, December 16. I look forward to discussing the drug abuse scene in New York with its political overtones; the research projects, particularly in opiate dependence and cannabis (marijuana); and some recent novel observations which provide an optimistic view of the immediate future in one type of addiction. As a title, you may select either

Immunization- A Realistic Answer to Opiate Dependence

or, Drug Abuse, 1971-1975.

I graduated from the New York University College of Medicine in 1945, and completed post-graduate training and certification in neurology (1952), psychoanalysis (1953) and psychiatry (1954). I was the first Director of Research of Hillside Hospital in Glen Oaks, N.Y. (1954-1962) and established the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry in St. Louis in 1962. This 150 bed research facility is the principal psychiatric research facility of the state. While there, I also served as Research Professor at Washington University School of Medicine. In 1966, I returned as Professor of Psychiatry at the New York Medical College and Director of the Division of Biological Psychiatry. The Drug Addiction Research Service of the Metropolitan Hospital Community Mental Health Center has been my responsibility since 1967. I have been a consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health, the Food and Drug Administration and many pharmaceutical concerns, both here and abroad. In response to support special psychiatric research projects in unpopular areas my friends and I established the International Association for Psychiatric Research and I am its Executive Director. I have published more than 150 scientific articles on drugs, brain function, convulsive therapy and drug abuse.

Again, my thanks for your kind invitation.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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