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Mrs. Evelyn Somer
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Dear Evelyn:

It has been many months since we have had a chance to chat and at a meeting this week I thought of this. I am writing to ask your advice.

We have "discovered" that the combined use of two compounds produces an unusual potentiation which may have therapeutic value. The compounds are chlorpromazine and Ditrane. Chlorpromazine is commercially available, but Ditrane is still an investigational drug in the United States. Nevertheless, the question has been raised as to whether we should file for a "use patent"? As you know, I know nothing of this, and would like your informal advice as to the following:

The combined use of these two compounds produces a sedation which is deep and long, and which may be very effective as anesthetic. We have found it unusually safe and that it may be similar to the trials with Sernyl. It is our observation that this combination does not have the sequelae of Sernyl plus surgery. Does this application appear to fulfill the general requirements of the Use Patent?

If so, can you recommend the procedures which we should follow in order to carry this out (i.e. - a patent lawyer in St. Louis)?

Barring this, does your office handle such matters?

Are there any hurdles that I should know about before embarking on such a mission?

It may be easier if you would call me collect at Mission 5-5446 after you have had a chance to think of this problem. I would be most grateful.

The children are getting along very well, and the other day Rachel told me that she was going to see Kathy over the week-end. I was surprised, and then she reminded me she had found another girl in town with the same name! Martha is in school and has been doing very well. My best regards to Rudy.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M. D.
Director

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