

March 8, 1970

Honorable Lester Wolff
House of Representatives
156A Main Street
Port Washington, New York

Dear Mr. Wolff,

It was kind of you to listen to my presentation regarding HR-13743, now before the Public Health & Welfare Committee.

It has been my experience that our present laws and their execution by police authorities have inhibited research, both in opiates and cannabis, and contributed materially to our present confusions and hysteria. Our laboratories, at the New York Medical College, are devoted to obtaining some of the needed information. Some of the results are already published; others are preliminary; and others are in the planning stages. I am enclosing some material from our files that may be of interest.

The suggestion of holding legislative hearings in New York is a good suggestion, and I would be pleased to cooperate. I am enclosing a list of suggested witnesses who would be scientifically, and perhaps, politically interesting. With proper preparation, the questions of the effects of the law on therapy and on research may be elaborated.

Again, my thanks for your patience.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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APPENDIX I

Enclosed Documents

Opiates and Antagonists

1. A Program to Restrict Opiate Dependence--The Urban Epidemic of 1970. Dated 2/3/70.
2. Antagonists in the Treatment of Opiate Dependence, 1969.
3. Intravenous Diacetylmorphine (Heroin) in the Treatment of Opiate Dependence, 1969.
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4. Basic Concepts and Use of Cyclazocine in the Treatment of Narcotic Addiction, 1968.
5. Naloxone in Heroin Dependence, 1968.
6. Cyclazocine and Methadone in Narcotic Addiction, 1967.
7. A Proposal for the Development of Long Acting Opiate Antagonists, 1969.

Marijuana

8. Perspectives on Marijuana Research, 1968.
9. Proposal, Clinical Pharmacology of Cannabis, 1969.
10. Proposal, EEG and Behavioral Effects of Long Term Cannabis Use-- A Feasibility Study, 1969.

Personnel

11. Curriculum vitae, Max Fink, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry
12. Curriculum vitae, Alfred M. Freedman, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry.

APPENDIX II

List of Proposed Witnesses

New York Medical College

Alfred M. Freedman, M.D.
Richard Brotman, Ph. D.
Max Fink, M.D.
Arthur Zaks, M.D.

New York State

Max Singer, Hudson Institute
Vincent Dole, Rockefeller University
Henry Brill, Pilgrim State Hospital
Christopher Terrence, NYS Narcotic Addiction Control Comm.