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Mr. R. J. Gradwell,
Contracting Officer,
Chief, Contracts Management Section,
Grants and Contracts Management Branch,
National Institute of Mental Health,
5600 Fishers Lane,
Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Dear Mr. Gradwell,

We have been notified by telephone by Mr. Jack Johnson of your office that our request for an extension of HSM 42-70-98 for six months beyond June 25, 1973 has been approved by the program review team, and that it is your intent to fund this request. Mr. Johnson indicated that a formal extension will require some time for processing, but assured us that we should proceed on the assumption that our request will be "substantially" approved -- there being some items which are subject to negotiation.

On the assumption that this assurance is substantially correct, we are notifying the subcontractor, Professor C. Stefanis of the University of Athens to proceed with the special studies (assessment of withdrawal effects) outlined in that request.

If this assurance is in jeopardy, or our interpretation of the communication of Mr. Johnson is in error, please notify me promptly.

It is also my understanding that the preparations for the negotiations for the extension will require 3 to 5 weeks.

I trust these conclusions are correct.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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cc. Costas Stefanis, M.D.