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Dear Ms. Ravenhill,

It was either in the British Medical Journal or Lancet that a news story appeared within the past six months noting an unusual report by an Australian Royal Commission (presumably medical) which explored the claims of a scientist that Deep Sleep Therapy was particularly useful in treating the mentally ill. The inquiry was launched because of allegations of deaths associated with this treatment, and the Commission was reported to have found the methods unsafe and recommended their discontinuation. I lack the original note as it was sent to my librarian who returned only a note from the Royal Society in London that Davall & Chown was a source for this material. I enclose a copy of their letter.

My interest is based on experience with insulin coma therapy of psychoses, electroconvulsive therapy, and what has conventionally been called 'sleep therapy' without the 'deep' modifier. The latter therapy was described in 1922 by Swiss psychiatrists, and was used until the late 1930s when insulin coma and electroconvulsive therapy were replacements.

I would be grateful for your help.

Sincerely yours,



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Gentlemen:

We would like to obtain a copy of the Australian Royal Commission Report on Deep Sleep Therapy. I have been advised that it is available from your office.

Please advise as to the charges for this report. Our FAX #: 516 862 8604.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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