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Steven Szara, M.D.,
National Institute of Mental Health,
5600 Fishers Lane,
Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Dear Steve,

I would appreciate your help in getting some marijuana to Dr. Stefanis in Athens. In his latest letter he asks for an additional 500 grams of 2.5% THC-delta-9 equivalent.

In December, following our usual custom, we shipped marijuana and THC at his request. Although he has a valid import permit, he is unable to get the material released from Greek Customs because we have not submitted a valid export license. Since January I have written numerous times to BNDD, and have not been able to obtain an export license. The material is still impounded, and since we are anxious that he continue with his studies, particularly as part of the withdrawal study if we can attempt to determine if marijuana can substitute for hashish, I would appreciate your help in getting the material from this country to him. His address is:

Costas N. Stefanis, M.D.
Department of Psychiatry,
Athens University Medical School,
Eginition Hospital,
74, Vasilissis Sophias Av.,
Athens, Greece.

I am enclosing an official order form for 500 grams marijuana 2.4% (or stronger). Should it be feasible, I

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would request that this be shipped directly to Dr. Stefanis
on NIMH or other suitable export license.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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