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Dear Dr. Polvan:

I am very sorry that we missed each other in Vienna, but Turan has told you of the status of our collaborative project. The committees were unwilling to commit themselves for the Turkish part without additional information. Since the award was to have been for only part of the program, it was advisable to withdraw this application, in order that the project could be resubmitted in the future.

In discussions with the representatives of the NIMH Committees, we became aware that an important question reviewing this application, was the status of the facilities in Istanbul. Therefore, we requested that a representative visit you and Dr. Bayulkem to meet your staff and see both facilities.

Dr. George Crane who is the Program Director of the Early Clinical Drug Evaluation Units at NIMH will be in Europe during November, following the German CINP meetings in Erlangen. He has agreed that if his schedule permits, he will visit Istanbul and then prepare a report for NIMH. Unfortunately, his schedule is not yet complete and he has suggested that he have the opportunity to write to you as soon as his itinerary is established.

Would you please arrange to have him meet with Dr. Bayulkem and the staff at both institutions, and demonstrate the facilities for this program? It would be helpful if he has an opportunity to see some of the patients who have never had previous drug treatments and be provided a description of their histories.

In addition, we have asked Dr. Ali Keskiner, one of our staff at the Missouri Institute, to visit you and Dr. Bayulkem, to discuss the project and to review with your staff psychiatrists the rating scales and the methods of evaluation we proposed for the study, so that we can provide the optional scales for this collaboration.

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Dr. Keskiner is a graduate of Istanbul University and had his psychiatric training at McGill University. He has extensive experience in our clinical drug program and we have asked him to advise us as to the necessary adjustments in our methods for your population. He will write to you, but plans to be in Istanbul about November 1-3.

Thank you very much for your help, and I hope that our collaboration will yet succeed.

Sincerely yours,

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