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Ms. Maya Pines  
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Dear Ms. Pines,

Enclosed is a report written last May on the status of the research efforts in the peptides.

Since then, some of the reports have been published; the studies in convulsive therapy have had some preliminary results; and studies in the elderly and mentally retarded have been designed, funded, and are in progress.

The latest findings are those reported by David DeWied on the CNS effects of vasopressin; the studies of Kastin supporting central effects for ACTH 4-10; the reports by Itil that TRH, another polypeptide has CNS effects; and the animal studies by McGaugh, Gold and van Buskirk.

I trust these data are of some interest.

Sincerely yours,

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