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Congressman Mario Biaggi
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Biaggi:

During the past few months, one of your assistants has inquired as to our progress in developing a useful opiate antagonist treatment for heroin addiction. On each occasion, I indicated that there was no need for additional funds.

I now have two proposals for studies which are necessary in developing a long acting narcotic antagonist as a prophylactic in opiate dependence, with budgets of \$400,000 a year.

At a recent educational session for physicians, Congressman Scheuer expressed an interest in obtaining assistance in making methadone treatment more readily available to the addicts of the Bronx. My associates and I are both willing and able to assist in this program, using the medical practitioners as methadone therapists, under prevailing Federal and medical guidelines. We suggested that such an effort focussed on an immediate "solution" would be of interest chiefly if it provided a basis for the development of a prophylactic approach.

It may be appropriate to discuss these proposals, particularly their impact on your constituents.

Sincerely yours,

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