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Dear Dr. Ratinoff:

Thank you very much for your letter. I am pleased to enclose a copy of a report which has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases*.

We have not undertaken any acetylcholine studies during the past few years. When in New York, however, I attempted such studies and found that the acetylcholine measurements, using clam heart preparations, were so unstable that we could never satisfactorily complete these measurements. We did, however, undertake measurements of cholinesterase in spinal fluids during the convulsive therapy process. These data were incomplete, and we were unable to complete these with sufficient control for a satisfactory resolution of the questions.

As this review indicates, I believe that the early studies of Bornstein, and those of Tower and McEachern are still the major contributions, and that a further study is indeed warranted.

With this idea in mind, I was interested in your report. I would be pleased to have an opportunity to read it.

Sincerely yours,

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