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RE: MH 13358

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a detailed summary of the studies in the program, *EEG and Human Psychopharmacology*, since January 1, 1971. This should provide summaries of the activities since the renewal application summary. I have also outlined the studies now in progress and the anticipated continuations after transfer to Stony Brook.

There are some funding problems for the coming year. I have developed a talented and well trained staff. Each is loyal and enthusiastic about the program and desires to move with me. What I am not able to face is that not all -- indeed only a small part of those working on this program -- are paid from this grant. The other budgets remain in New York City, and I find that a realistic budget to sustain the effort and pay for transfer and renovation is closer to \$90,000 for the first year -- or until such a time as I can assign their services, in part, to other programs. (Part of the delay in sending this summary is based on my attempts to obtain additional funding for this transfer).

Nevertheless, I believe I can sustain the program and I enclose on pages 20-22, a budget for the transfer year for \$60,000.

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I have also added some comments for the continuing years of the program. These latter were the most difficult to write, for I believe that I should anticipate closure of ECDEU support for this program, reflecting my perception of the comments of the reviewers for the continuation for this project period. I have sustained this effort for PRB since 1957 and for ECDEU since 1960. It is time to summarize what we have learned -- sometimes I feel selfish in not having shared the details of what we have learned, and closure should provide the impetus.

If, however, the program is to go forward after three years, the decision should be anticipated in 1973 or the first half of 1974. There are two suggestions which deserve your consideration and that of the Psychopharmacology Committee. It may be useful to have the academic review you suggested in Mexico City; and to convene a workshop of scientists who have participated in the growth of this discipline. To both, we could address the questions relevant to clinical psychopharmacology and provide additional inputs for your programmatic decision.

Should it be possible to transfer the program to Stony Brook, Stan Yolles has agreed that the grant be administered by the International Association for Psychiatric Research, Inc. (P.O. Box 269, Great Neck, New York 11022). We urge this, because it is possible to obtain additional support from that Association if they administer the project.

I am most grateful for your support and interest these many years, and trust that your faith, and that of Jon Cole, will continue to be rewarded by the results of these efforts.

Sincerely yours,

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