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Dear Dr. vanPraag:

By a fortunate coincidence, your kind letter and invitation arrived this morning as I was entertaining your countryman, Dr. Geerlings, whom I found delightful and who described your projected program. I would be pleased (and am honored) to accept your invitation to discuss the issues of opiate dependence, particularly the problems of CNS effects of opiates, and our present treatment models. With your permission, I would like to describe not only the experiments with heroin and methadone, but also those with the antagonists, cyclazocine and naloxone.

In addition, we are actively involved in the evaluation of chronic cannabis use. I should be pleased to participate in the cannabis discussions, particularly the problems of evaluating chronic effects. We have recently received a contract to study a group of chronic cannabis users and have had to make many compromises as we faced the actual data collection.

I plan to be in Europe in March, and plan to visit Amsterdam probably near the end of the month. Perhaps we can meet to discuss your program further.

Again, my thanks for your kind invitation, and my best wishes for a happy 1971 and for the success of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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