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Miss Michelle J. Cohen, R.N.  
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National Association for Practical Nurse  
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1465 Broadway  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Miss Cohen:

Thank you once again for your kind invitation to participate in the National Association for Practical Nurse Education program on October 29. I hesitate to accept your invitation for lunch as I am not sure that I can be away early enough; and plan to join the meeting in time to hear Dr. Brill at 1 p.m.

My presentation will be informal, and I do not ordinarily read from a written text, but use notes which are not intelligible to others.

It is my intention to describe the programs for the treatment of opiate addiction, including an overview of the various rehabilitation and psychotherapy programs, but emphasizing the pharmacotherapy - rehabilitation approach. This view, which includes the methadone, cyclazocine and naloxone antagonism treatment research projects, provides (we think) the second best answer to the addiction dilemma. (The first is prevention.) The data presented will come from our laboratories at the New York Medical College - Metropolitan Hospital Mental Health Center and will be supplemented by the studies of Dr. Dole at Rockefeller University. I will also discuss the Mayor's present methadone program.

There will be sufficient time for discussion and questions from the floor. If a slide projector is available, I may be able to present some of the data from tables, but this is not essential. (Slides are 2 x 2 inches.)

I trust this is helpful, and I look forward to seeing you on October 29.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry

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