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Dear Dr. Boyer:

I have received the supplies of pyrovalerone and our initial trials will begin this week.

As you know, the subjects will be volunteers without mental illness. The following records are obtained for each subject:

Summary psychiatric evaluation, social data  
Permit for investigational drug use  
Clyde Mood Scale (before and at fixed intervals after drug)  
NYMC symptom check list (usually changed for definitive experiment)  
EEG summary, based on visual and quantitative analyses

During a pilot study, these data do not necessarily follow a systematic collection schema, since we are exploring the appropriate times and dosages for the CNS effects. Nevertheless, the data is available, in whole or in part, for submission to the FDA. It has been my custom to invite the monitor to review the data before it is simply duplicated and shipped.

In a recent discussion with Dr. Jonathan Cole, now the Superintendent of Boston State Hospital, he expressed an interest in studies of vasodilators in the mentally ill aged, especially those with organic mental syndromes. I recollect that you expressed a similar interest. May I suggest you call Dr. Cole and discuss it with him, if you are still interested.

I trust that I will have some data within the next 8 weeks.

Sincerely yours,

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