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Re: HSM-42-72-115

Dear Doctor Ramsey,

Attached is the quarterly report of the studies of cyclazocine and methadone at the VAH-Northport. Two considerations are brought to your attention which supplement the formal report.

1. It was our understanding that various items of equipment would be made available to the program, to supplement those we anticipated bringing to SUNY-Stony Brook from New York Medical College. We requested, and believe we received approval, for a storage safe, pupillometer, printing calculator, and 4 channel-FM recorder. We indicated we would supply an Electroencephalograph, oscilloscope, oscillator, and a tape analytic system (IBM 1800). These latter items were shipped to Stony Brook on December 7, 1972.

2. At the formal site visit on November 16th, the question of random assignment of subjects to methadone and cyclazocine was raised. While we believed we could achieve such assignment, your consultant, Dr. Raymond Knowles, raised a question of ethics with sufficient acervity that our VAH associates have requested that for the present, we assign patients on the basis of patient choice.

The program is otherwise progressing well. We have successfully inducted three patients to cyclazocine during December, and undertook our first heroin challenges in

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January. While the arrangements are still tenuous, we have established procedures to continue to treat patients as outpatients.

Sincerely yours,

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