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Dr. Robert Petersen
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Dear Bob,

I am writing to bring you up to date on the status of the contract study of cannabis use in Athens.

Following the renegotiation of the contract terms in the fall, we designed the data collection phases of the study, made up the necessary forms, and scheduled the initial data collection for March. After sending the outline to Dr. Costas Stefanis, we received no reply for many weeks.

On February 20, he wrote: " I wish to apologize for the long delay in answering you. This delay is due to the fact that a new law on narcotics has been passed and is in effects since January 10, and all this time I have been trying to find out whether under these restrictions, any investigation on hashish, which is included in this law, could be carried out. This, as you understand, is a very serious problem . . ."

Dr. Stefanis concluded his letter with some suggested steps that he had undertaken to clarify the issue, and indicated that we would be " . . . hearing from me within the next few days."

We have not, as yet, transferred any funds for the project,

Under these circumstances, we have no recourse but to await a more favorable reply. Unless, there is an alternate population in which the study could be undertaken.

I will keep you informed.

Sincerely yours,

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