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Dear Dr. Babikian,

Thank you for your kind invitation to participate in the series of lectures on Drug Abuse. I regret that it would be a difficult responsibility for me to attempt to present the data on drug abuse at this time. Since leaving the New York Medical College, I have turned my attention to other interests and I have no personal acquaintance with the latest developments in narcotic antagonists or cannabis-- two subjects that were my interest when I was at the College.

I am confident that Dr. Resnick, who has sustained the program, will be able to present the latest information on the antagonists. Should you wish to include a review of cannabis, I suggest you call on Dr. Rhea Dornbush (now at the Reproductive Biology Research Fdn, 4910 Forest Park, St Louis, Mo.) who is editing two volumes on cannabis summarizing our studies as well as a conference which she chaired in January. A third candidate would be Dr. Arthur Zaks. Arthur has developed one of the most active of the methadone treatment programs in the city. He has continued his research interest in carrying out studies of levomethadyl in his practice. He can be reached at Flushing Queens Medical Associates, 136-80 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing 11354.

I trust these suggestions provide an adequate replacement for me. Should you, in the future, be interested in presenting a program on convulsive therapy, I would be glad to do what I can to assist.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry