

F. Letters

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Dear Dr. Schneider,

I have never studied cocaine, and while I would be delighted to follow in the historic steps of Sigmund Freud, I cannot do so. My present commitments are too much to bear as it is.

I have not followed the latest cocaine literature, but from my incidental reading in the psychiatric journals, I don't think there's sufficient new information to warrant even a systematic review article on this very limited subject.

You may wish to read the volume put together by Dr. Byck, "Cocaine Papers," published by Stonehill. Dr. Byck is a well-trained physician and he was unable to put together a very useful volume. A copy of my review of his book is enclosed.

Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely yours,

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