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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Doctors Professor Rhea Dornbush Ph.D. and Professor Jan Volavka, M.D. are members of the Department of Psychiatry, New York Medical College and are carrying out studies in cannabis under MH Grant 18172 and Contract HSM 42-70-98 (Studies of Marijuana Users in Greece).

Under the terms of these grants, Doctors Dornbush and Volavka are carrying with them marijuana provided by the National Institute of Mental Health in an amount not exceeding 500 grams and 200 grams marijuana placebo, for which an import document has been obtained from the government of Greece.

On their return, either or both may bring with them supplies of hashish or cannabis in other forms provided by our investigators in Greece. An import permit for this is attached.

This laboratory operates under the appropriate regulations of the United States Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the State of New York, and copies of these documents are attached.

In the event that any questions arise regarding the transfer of these materials from the United States to Greece or from Greece to the United States, we urge you to contact the undersigned at 212-369-8488 or 516-466-5444 or Dr. Robert Peterson at the National Institute of Mental Health (301-443-4663).

In the event that problems arise in Greece, we urge you to contact Professor Constantine Miras, Professor of Biological Chemistry, University of Athens (771-155) and Professor Costas Stefanis, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Athens (642-2025).

This project has been brought to the attention of the American Ambassador to Greece, Mr. Charles Kennedy and should any questions arise that should require his intervention, I would appreciate your contacting him.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry

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