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Dear Professor Miras,

It has been some months since we last wrote and in this time we have been fortunate to obtain a supply of marijuana and of THC from the National Institute of Mental Health. Supplies of both are severely restricted and it may yet be necessary to undertake work in your laboratory.

We have begun the first trials and have observed definite EEG effects which are more prominent at dosages of 20 mg THC than 5, 10 or 15 mg; and are even greater for smoking marijuana. We have made up cigarettes of 0.5 Gm each, containing less than 1% THC. The smoking of one cigarette yields EEG effects, but 2 cigarettes are very definite. These trials are very preliminary, however, and it will be some weeks before we are sure of the data.

I am pleased to tell you that Dr. Martin Keeler of Durham, North Carolina, who has written about the toxicity of marijuana, is joining my staff in July. We plan to establish a marijuana research project before then, and will try to use the facilities of the International Association for Psychiatric Research to sponsor the collaborative aspects in an application to NIMH.

I will be in Europe in April and again in May. As soon as my schedule is crystallized, I will write and plan to visit your laboratory. Before then, I hope to send you an outline of a proposed project as the basis for our discussions.

Many thanks for your Christmas card-- my associates and I appreciated the special opportunity to see the lush marijuana growing in your back-yard. Professor Freedman and Dr. Simeon join in sending our best wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.