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Dr. William Martin,
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Dear Bill,

Dick Resnick has recently extended the dose of cyclazocine for a group of patients at Metropolitan Hospital, and has apparently elicited tolerance to the unpleasant effects of cyclazocine. With heroin challenges, he has observed an extension of effective antagonism to 25 mg. heroin for more than 48 hours, suggesting that a trial of cyclazocine on a three times a week schedule might be feasible.

We are waiting for results of the studies by Woodard of M5050; and the supplies of EN-1639A from ENDO.

Harold Blumberg told me of a meeting on the antagonists, promoted by the National Institute of Mental Health, and labelled the first such conference. I regret that our laboratory has not been invited to participate; and also regret that the history of the work in this field, which is of such short duration, is already so rapidly forgotten by officialdom. In addition to Resnick's report, which he has submitted to the American Psychiatric Association for their May meeting, I am pleased to enclose a copy of a summary of work on the Narcotic Antagonists, which I recently completed. In addition to the compounds listed, I am aware of two additional antagonists under study in Europe - one by Janssen and one by Organon - but I did not obtain the structural formulae in time to include them in this summary. I am very grateful to you, particularly for your 1967 review, to which I referred most extensively.

My best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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