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Dear Dick,

To write a useful review of EEG and drugs is probably a good idea, although I did my best in 1967-68 in the review I prepared for the Efron book and for Henry Elliott's Annual Review of Pharmacology.

To rewrite the dissociation-association hypothesis seems pointless, since the material of 1966 is published and not yet superseded. To report the material presented in Aspen is less useful, since we did not have either a consensus nor a clear issue about which sufficient data were available. Killam, John, Adey and others are making connections between the AER and correct and incorrect decisions - some distance from mood, thought and other processes with which association-dissociation theory has to deal.

In sum, the idea may be interesting but I do not see a central issue that is needed to spark a viable volume. The "fundamental relationships between the EEG and functional CNS changes induced by drugs" is grand and unfocussed at this time, and probably very difficult to focus.

It was fun in Aspen and the memories sustain me through the most dreary of days in the most filthy of cities. Don't they need professors in ecologically clean Dartmouth?

Sincerely yours,

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