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Mr. Robert Marlin
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Dear Mr. Marlin,

Thank you for the information on thioridazine in the treatment of anxiety in out-patients. The data is helpful, suggesting both a very broad range of dosages that may be effective (30-300 mg/day) and a high degree of safety. There is no satisfactory comparison against a standard anti-anxiety agent, however, and I wonder why this has not been examined. I checked my reference texts as well, and found some references for a few of the antipsychotic agents, but none for Mellaril.

As I mentioned, we are inclined to undertake a study of Mellaril in out-patient anxious neurotics.

The study of S42,548 is progressing well.

Sincerely yours,

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