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Dear Dick,

It was nice to receive your letter and it sounds as if you achieved less than you had hoped for but more than most on a European visit. I had the occasion to visit Alex Karczmar in Rome last week and his experiences match your own.

I called Dr. Wortis, as you requested, for we had not heard about your report. The volume is no longer being published, instead the Society is issuing a new journal, Biological Psychiatry, which is to come out six times a year. The first issue is now in distribution (it was exhibited in Miami early in May). He said that the paper has been accepted by one reviewer ("high marks") but the second has not yet returned the manuscript. I am sorry that we are caught in a bind, in the issuing of a new journal. And Joe Wortis is not the most efficient of editors. I would suggest we wait another month; and if you do not hear from him by June 15, I would write to him (or, better, call) asking the status again; and if he gives you the usual double-talk, perhaps you should consider publishing it elsewhere.

Our program is focussed more on naloxone (how long can we extend the antagonistic actions by increasing the single oral dosage) and on methadone (how long does the usual daily dose of methadone protect a patient against injected heroin), and less on cyclazocine, although we have completed one essay on the typology of patients who do well on cyclazocine. We are also trying to extend the duration of naloxone by embedding it in a plastic polymer, like Silastic, in the hope of achieving a 30 to 60 day treatment.

I attended a meeting on psychotropic drugs in Liege and met a group of pharmacologist/chemists from Sweden headed by Fuxe of Karolinska. They are doing fine work and if you do not know their reports, perhaps you would look them up.

Keep up the good work ! My best regards.

Sincerely yours,