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Dear Jerry:

Your suggestion that we hold a "working session" on the subject of quantitative EEG and psychopharmacology is excellent, and I will prepare as detailed a presentation as may make the discussion most useful. In thinking about participants, I had a number of suggestions.

From psychopharmacology I believe Jonathan O. Cole should be present, since his interest and enthusiasm has sustained this program since its inception.

For a formal knowledge of EEG and drugs, Peter Kellaway of Houston, Robert Ellingson, and George Ulett are highly qualified electroencephalographers who are not now active in drug evaluation. Turan Itil, Enoch Callaway, Charles Shagass, and Arthur Sugarman have an active interest in EEG and drugs.

From general psychiatry, I would suggest Seymour Kety, Al Silverman, Joel Elkes, Morton Reiser, and Daniel Freedman be considered. None have a formal knowledge of our work, but their roles as "generalists" is well defined. I anticipate they would be both interested and contribute to the review.

From clinical psychopharmacology, Fritz Freyhan, Heinz Lehmann, and Leo Hollister are active clinicians who have a broad interest and experience. Leo has had a special interest in EEG and has consistently failed to find the correlations we have reported.

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Among the statistically sophisticated with a special knowledge of the problems of reducing large scale data, you may consider Allan Mirsky (Boston), Ron Bonato, Dean Clyde, John Overall, or Sam Sutton. Mirsky has had a special interest in EEG-behavior relations, he knows our work, and is an interested critic.

Finally, the "dean" of this type of work, Abraham Winkler should be considered. It was his 1952 theory that set me on this study route. Since then, he has criticized my data, noting that we "over-simplify" a very complex subject. He has not dedicated as much time to quantification as Itil and I, and in 1966 he participated in the anticholinergic drug symposium with much enthusiasm.

I look forward to this session with great interest.

Sincerely yours,

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