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Dear Dr. Van Riper:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your association for providing us with the yohimbine ampules. I apologize for not acknowledging these sooner, but I have just returned from my holidays. Among the more unusual experiences was a visit to a State Hospital in Istanbul where I found that the staff was still using convulsive therapy for a large number of patients. They stated that this was necessary since they had little funds for psychotropic drugs. This experience struck me as a striking example of the great need that we have today in bringing the benefit of American medical research to other nations. I became aware of how important the program developed by Dr. Nathan Kline is. I have also written Dr. Cole asking him whether there was any mechanism whereby he could support studies in such institutions. I might say that the staff was quite large and that to the extent of my communication with them, they made a very satisfactory impression.

My best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Director

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