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Dear Vince and Marie,

I have read the report in the J.A.M.A. and the progress report of the methadone program and wish to congratulate both of you for a heroic job well done. Although I came into the narcotic treatment world quite recently, I have experienced many of the administrative, political and ideological stupidities that must have marked your efforts; and to have been so successful, despite these hurdles, is indeed an achievement. Congratulations !'

Our own studies support your report fully, and I have already expressed the opinion that the principal battle has been won and that repair operations are now needed. We are preparing a summary of our recent comparison of cyclazocine and methadone and this will be substantially supportive. Also, in our EEG studies of heroin challenges, the duration of methadone antagonism is longer than we had anticipated and its potency increases with time.

My congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

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