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Dear Michael,

As you know, we have completed our project in Athens and the report has been published earlier this year. At the 1976 meeting at the New York Academy of Sciences, there was agreement among the reporters from Jamaica, Costa Rica and Athens on the findings of the three studies. The reports of Souief and Chopra, however, were discordant.

A former associate of mine, John Kramer, has been active in research in opiates and amphetamines. He was a consultant to Jerome Jaffe at SAODAP. In some discussions last fall, I encouraged him to look at the discrepancy between the studies reported at the New York Academy.

We have carried on a dialogue and we have been struck by the reports by Dr. Frank Knight from your Department. John has written to Dr. Knight as he is planning to be in the Caribbean for a holiday in February.

I am writing to ask whether you could assist him in seeing some of the cases reported from your Department, cases with the syndrome of cannabis toxicity and/or cannabis psychosis. It may provide him with the basic experience upon which to design a study to resolve some of the discrepancies noted earlier. I am sending him a copy of this letter, and will ask him to write to you directly.

Many thanks for your assistance, and my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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