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Dr. Stanley Muhler
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Muhler:

Dr. James Lewis, FAA, Oklahoma City, invited the participation of our laboratory in a conference on cannabis in Oklahoma in June. When the invitation was discussed, we realized that a flight simulation task would be a most sensitive index of central nervous system effects. Indeed, the sensitivity of the driving simulation has been demonstrated, and the additional planes of reference of the flight simulator should exaggerate the sensitivity greatly.

Are studies of cannabis on this task in progress, or under consideration? If not, would such studies be of interest?

We are involved in a variety of studies of cannabis in volunteers in the United States, and in chronic hashish users in Greece and Jamaica, West Indies. My personal interest is based on my recent licensing as a pilot, SEL.

Thank you for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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