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J. Silvio, M. D.  
National Institute of Drug Abuse  
Rockwall Building  
1140 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Dr. Silvio:

Enclosed is a formal report of the studies completed at VA Hospital, Northport, under contract HSM 42-73-260 during the first quarter of the year.

While we have obtained the support of the local staff at the VA Hospital and have a fine facility, VACO has decided to end the DDTC funding on December 31, 1974. They have indicated they will provide a decrease in the budget for the second half of 1974 and none for 1975. This support is the mainstay of our program and we cannot sustain our efforts without it.

With the funds remaining in the contract, we can sustain the project through the third quarter of the year, provide follow-up for some patients during the fourth quarter with an orderly termination of personnel and transfer of patients to other treatments with the present termination date of the contract.

Unless the present circumstances change, we will be unable to participate in this interesting and important study program beyond the present contract period.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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