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Dear Dr. Freedman:

First, let me thank you for a most pleasant visit and the opportunity to meet members of your staff. I have read the report of your training program and find it a remarkable statement of your extensive and rapid growth.

At the meeting of the Clinical Committee on Friday, I had the opportunity to hear a report by one of Dr. Cole's co-workers, Dr. J. Levine, on the present program of support for research in LSD. They have only one project measuring the effects of LSD in drug addicts and would be very much interested in other laboratories undertaking such investigations. I asked Dr. Levine to give me the citations which may be of help to you and your staff, and he gave me the enclosed reprints. If these interest you, perhaps you will share them with Dr. Sharoff and one of the younger men of your staff. It may be possible to launch preliminary studies during the next few months so that the background experience can be obtained even before more definitive proposals are made to NIH. I know that Dr. Cole and Dr. Levine would be very much interested in supporting a study if the investigators demonstrate experience.

Perhaps this is one way we can begin a collaboration, for I plan to be in New York during the APA and would be pleased to come to your laboratories for a morning, and discuss this project (or the Indoklon or depression projects) at that time.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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P.S. I am also enclosing a few reprints regarding my experiences with Indoklon and the theory of the convulsive therapy process for you to give to the physicians in charge of the somatic therapy unit.