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Dear Sam,

It was a pleasure to discuss the programs of the V.A. with you in Las Vegas; and I do look forward to joining you in the sessions in St. Louis.

There is a need for the NIMH and/or the V.A. to undertake a more extensive evaluation of 1-alpha-acetylmethadol. I believe the V.A. can do it, and am taking the opportunity to enclose a copy of our report, comparing methadone and 1-alpha-acetylmethadol. The report has been accepted by the JAMA, and should appear within the next 6 weeks.

We have continued our studies since the report was completed, and the present group of patients continue to fulfill the expectations established by the patients in the study. I would like to establish such a study as part of the programs at Stony Brook.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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