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Mr. Abram Engelman
Conference Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Engelman:

We have read with interest the announcement of the conference examining methadone substitution therapy. Because we have been seeking alternatives to substitution on drug-free programs, we have studied the possibilities of narcotic antagonists. Since the announcement is cryptic, it is not clear to what extent the examination of methadone and its alternatives is socially or clinically motivated. Should the focus be clinical, we would be interested in participating - and would be able to discuss two issues:

- 1) Pharmacological aspects of methadone and long-acting methadols (alphamethadyl) in maintenance.
- 2) Clinical experiences and issues in the treatment of opiate dependence with narcotic antagonists.

Should these be of interest, one of our associates can participate.

Sincerely yours,

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