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Dear Dr. Waskow:

Thank you for your letter of February 18. The studies that we have carried out with LSD during the past few months are preliminary to our undertaking a more definitive study. I have not yet written this up in any detail. Recently, I took the data to New York and submitted it to Joe Jaffe and Stanley Feldstein for their comments. During my visit there, we agreed that we would collaborate in two parallel studies - the one submitted to NIMH by Dr. Jaffe on behalf of Dr. Dahlberg, and a second to be undertaken in Missouri. This latter study will be the determination of language changes in a group of schizophrenic patients receiving progressively larger doses of LSD. We are interested in determining the threshold to LSD, and, later, to examine the problem of resistance to LSD, in a group of severe chronic schizophrenics compared to volunteers and to acute schizophrenics. Among the language measures we plan to include, are those suggested by Dr. Jaffe including the use of his electronic device for measuring interaction.

The only information that I have which may be relevant to your review are those studies done with Dr. Jaffe before I came to Missouri. I think you have those reprints already. If not, I will be glad to send them to you.

Sincerely yours,

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