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WASHINGTON

August 28, 1981

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Dan Hartnett or anyone else there.

Place all Passports

Bob 468-8980

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August 4, 1981

Dear Lumir:

I have written to Dr. Bill regarding the paper in "Lloydia". It should be published in the near future.

Lumir, I am now in Washington, D.C. I am a Senior Policy Adviser in the Office of Policy Development of the White House. I hope having a friend in the White House will not cause you any trouble with your government!

Please give all my friends in Olomouc my best and remember we are looking forward to seeing you sometime in the future.

Lumir, I will keep you appraised of the research in Mississippi regarding Coca alkaloids.

Your friend,

Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Senior Policy Adviser

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July 21, 1981

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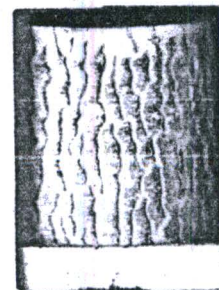
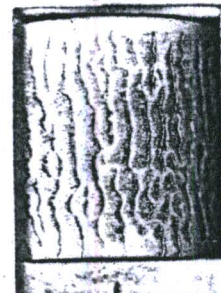
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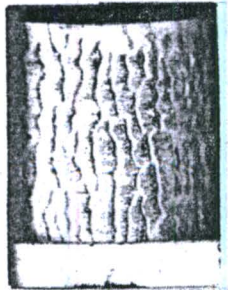
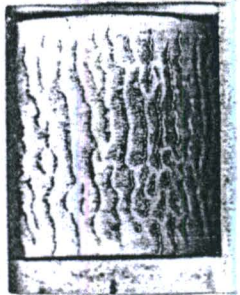
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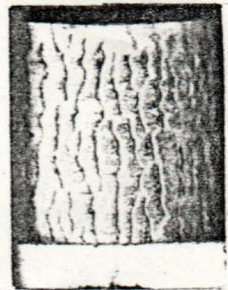
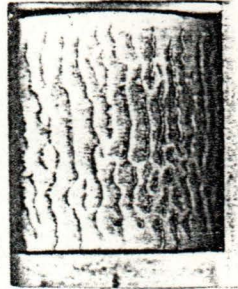
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Dear CT,

You might consider the enclosed item as a "letter of recommendation" to President Reagan via Ed Meese.

I hope the Reaganites have the capacity to develop a hard-hitting, well-orchestrated anti-drug policy. You know, what we really need is an anti-drug lobby of our own to lean on the Washington bunch. We have to consolidate the various anti-drug organizations into a coalition, which can then speak with one voice to the government. Right now, they're hearing an echoing effect from all directions, and the message may be distorted in the process.

Best wishes,

Roy H.

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Enclosure

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July 2, 1981

Edwin Meese III,
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Meese:

I hope this administration will evolve a strong anti-drug philosophy, especially when it comes to dealing with the marijuana epidemic currently afflicting the nation.

In the twilight of his Potomac interlude, President Jimmy Carter said: "...our priority will be to reduce drug abuse among adolescents. One of the important goals of my administration at the beginning of this decade is to change the social acceptance of drug use." (From his State of the Union Message, Jan. 21, 1980.) But Pres. Carter was long on rhetoric and short on action in this as in so many other areas he attempted to address.

His advisers on drug issues left something to be desired: Dr. Peter Bourne managed to get by his daily tasks by keeping mellow on pot, and Dr. Robert DuPont, formerly head of NIDA, was woefully ill-informed, and also naive, on the health hazards of marijuana until his more recent dramatic conversion. These were a couple of the better known "intra-White House" drug experts who had the President's ear.

The "extra-White House" experts, whose virulently generated sound waves managed to waft their way to the President's organ of hearing, were altogether too much! Dr. Thomas Bryant, who served as Chairman of Pres. Carter's Commission on Mental Health, was on the Advisory Board of Directors of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) — NORML is the great pot lobby in America. Dr. Bryant also served as President of the Drug Abuse Council, an organization of some undeserving renown during its day. It was generously funded by the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, the Commonwealth Fund, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society — it just goes to show you how the high and the mighty can be deceived too — and it succeeded in reaching new heights of sophistication in the dissemination of disinformation on marijuana to the public. Then Dr. Bryant's Council helped fund the Center for the Study of Non-Medical Drug Use, set up for the support of public drug education and "legal referral programs." A look at the Encyclopedia of Associa-

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tions discloses that the Center is the informational arm of NORML!

It's also interesting to note that Dr. Norman Zinberg, another NORML Advisory Board member, chaired the Commission on Mental Health's Panel on Psychoactive Drug Use/Misuse, and yet a third NORML Advisory Board member, Dr. Thomas Ungerleider, also served on that Panel. The Panel's recommendations to the Commission, like those of the Drug Abuse Council and NORML, were that our society should remove legal controls from all psychoactive drugs — heroin, cocaine, pot, et cetera — and that it should teach people how to use these drugs "responsibly." (See the "Report of the Liaison Task Panel on Psychoactive Drug Use/Misuse," submitted to the President's Commission on Mental Health, Feb. 15, 1978, p. 3.)

It is hoped, by legions of hopefuls, that the government in Washington will come forward with a new approach to the whole drug problem in America, which will mean turning the nation away from the wretched Drug Culture that is rotting it at the core. One step in that direction would be to have a knowledgeable, responsible individual in a liaison position, perhaps even positioned in the White House. Our candidate for the job, and after a dozen years as a marijuana fighter I think I can say I reflect the consensus of the anti-marijuana forces, is Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D., Director of the NIDA Marihuana Project, University of Mississippi, the scientist in charge of the government's marijuana farm down yonder in the Deep South.

What Reaganomics will hopefully do for the economy, Reagentropics (borrowing from "psychotropics," the catchall for mind-active drugs) should do for the nation's drug problems.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear CT,

Thanks for your letter of July 21. Here's hoping they give you the troops and the green light to go ahead and do something about the drug menace afflicting America today. Note in the enclosed copy of a letter to columnist Patrick Buchanan how I work in the Reagentropics message!

I'm working on a molecular theory of addiction, and I myself must say that it sounds pretty good. It's something I began thinking about in April at the Atlanta Southeast Drug Conference, after Gaby Nahas suggested that we try to come up with new ideas on the subject.

I keep plugging away at the anti-marijuana campaign, and I have now even started doing CME (Continuing Medical Education) lectures for the MDs locally. Irene Dempsey sent me some slides, so now I have a lecture format worthy of my physician audience. By the way, she mentioned that Bob Heath is on holiday at his Ontario, Canada, place following a coronary by-pass operation.

Best wishes,

Roy
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Enclosure

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July 24, 1981

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Patrick Buchanan,
Syndicated Columnist
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
435 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

I just read another one of your fine columns, "Reagan's Backing Is Strong and Deep," in today's Phoenix paper, THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC. Your articles are consistently informative and perceptive. In fact, were I to be asked to rank columnists, I would place you above Rappahannock-loving James Kilpatrick and the scholarly George Will, with nabobess Ellen Goodman at the other end of my rating chart, along with Gary Wills and William Raspberry.

Almost a generation ago, I had a sojourn in Scotland, as a medical student, and during that period I spent part of a summer, 1960, in Dublin town. I, too, think it's a terrible shame Reagan doesn't have an ambassador in Ireland at the present time. The "regnant" Reaganites are too preoccupied with Reaganomics to give the Emerald Isle proper consideration, and, of course, Reagan doesn't want to step on Maggie Thatcher's toes, his most compatible dancing partner among those with whom he must waltz.

I want to see Ed Meese & Company get on with Reagentropics, a strategy to combat the drug problem in America, the issue of greatest concern to the public today. We now have a first-rate scientist, Dr. Carlton E. Turner, in the Office of Policy Development at the White House, and perhaps we will soon see a new approach to the drug menace confronting the nation.

Sincerely yours,

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September 10, 1981

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Senior Policy Advisor
The White House
Washington, DC

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Dear CT,

Well, CT, you're in the right place and, hopefully, at the right time. If Reaganomics succeeds, then the Reaganites will be free to turn their attention upon foreign policy - that's the way they work, one thing at a time - and then to the area of our immediate concern, a domestic, government-backed war on drugs. Get the feel of the place and organize your strategy, for your time is coming.

I came across this fascinating statement by Peter Bourne, quoted from Drugs and Drug Abuse Education Newsletter 5(8):5, 1974: "Cocaine ...is probably the most benign of illicit drugs currently in widespread use. At least as strong a case could probably be made of legalizing it as for legalizing marijuana. Shortacting - about 15 minutes - not physically addicting, and acutely pleasurable...." (The italics are mine - that is, the underlining.) Bourne said that in August 1974. In March 1977, when he was already heading the Office of Drug Abuse Policy in the White House, he asked the Congress to decriminalize marijuana possession, while adding that the Administration was also giving thought to a similar proposal for cocaine. Well, as we all know, he snorted coke once too often....

I don't want to leave out our friend and former NIDA boss, Robert DuPont, who was urging Congress, as late as 1977, mind you, for "a reduced penalty for cultivation of small amounts (of marijuana) in the home...." That quote comes from an article entitled "Decriminalize Marijuana Says DuPont," in the National Drug Reporter 7(3):1-2, March 1977. His conversion is almost as spectacular as Saul's on the road to Damascus!

We can all breathe easier now. CT is on the job in Washington. You're the man of the hour.

I've got something in mind that you might be able to help with: I want to get a grant, perhaps even two, but I don't know where to start applying. First on my agenda, I want to get together with Bob Gilkeson, and the outcome will be a book jointly authored. I've got to take some time off to go to Cleveland to see him. This is the only way we're ever going to get the prefrontal-lobe syndrome into print. It is for me to seize the bull by the horns. The book will cover the whole spectrum of the effects of cannabis on the brain, including the prefrontal-lobe syndrome. Second, I'm thinking of a retrospective study of marijuana as a cause of cancer. What I propose to do is hunt up every jazz musician cited in Dizzy Gillespie's To Be or Not to Bop, his autobiography, and tally up the score sheet. Marijuana came into the United States from Mexico

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after World War I and found its initial appeal among the jazz musicians in New Orleans. Then it followed the rivers they traveled. Gene Krupa, the great (white) drummer, who did a stretch in the pen because of marijuana, died of leukemia. Well, I want to tally up the stats. Now, how do I go about applying for a grant, CT? I've got a university behind me if necessary - Nevada's second university, the University for Humanistic Studies in Las Vegas.

I recently taped a segment for a local TV talk show, which will air tomorrow morning. I told Rita Davenport, who does "Open House," that I can't cover marijuana in 7 minutes, to which she responded, "Okay, I'll give you nine minutes." Twenty thousand Valley mothers watch her program religiously. On Thursday, Sept. 17, I'll be giving a CME lecture to the doctors at Desert Samaritan Hospital. The topic is "Marijuana and the Brain." Also, St. Luke's Hospital in Phoenix has asked me to give the Department of Psychiatry a similar lecture. But all of this just marks a beginning. Remember, I've been here more than a year. The best audience I've had locally was Lee Croft's class at ASU, where I gave 2 of the lectures last semester.

The upcoming public exposure is designed to educate and also to bring in some patients. If the latter part fails, then I must reassess my position here in the Phoenix area. In fact, I'm about to make a long-planned move to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. CT, we may become neighbors soon!

Best wishes,



Roy H. Hart, M.D.

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July 31, 1981

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Dr. Carlton E. Turner, Director
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University of Mississippi
University, Mississippi 38677

PLEASE FORWARD

Dear Dr. Turner:

Thanks for your letter of July 13 and welcome to the Washington, D.C. area. Your position on the White House staff sounds most impressive and I am looking forward to hearing more about it when you settle down sufficiently for us to get together. Let me give you my office and home numbers, both in Bethesda. Please let me have yours too in due course.

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Home - 657-2246

Yours sincerely,

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