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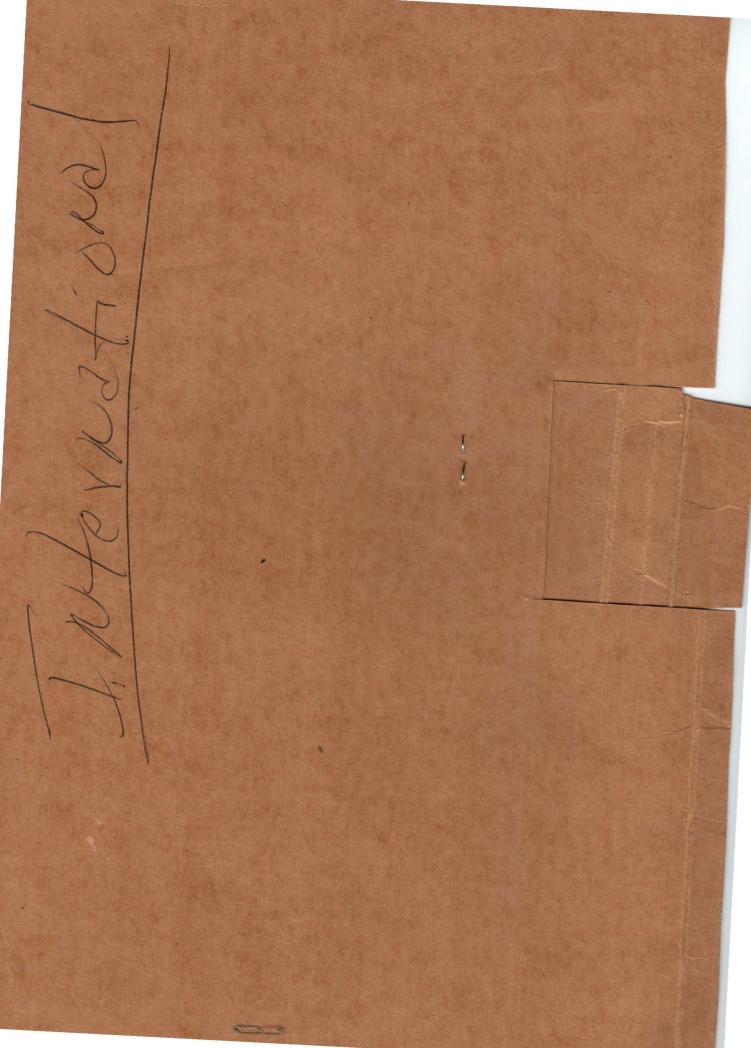
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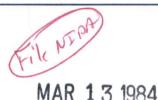
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

15 MAR 1984



Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration National Institute on Drug Abuse 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville MD 20857

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CARLTON E. TURNER, PH.D.

Subject: Levo-alpha-acetylmethadol (LAAM)

With the prospects of Naltrexone being approved this fiscal year, the Institute is particularly anxious to see that the development of LAAM continues so that the drug can become generally available to the treatment community. LAAM is specifically mentioned in the 1982 Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking, and NIDA has gone on record as being in support of the federal strategy.

The Institute had been seeking pharmaceutical company interest and involvement in regard to LAAM development; however, we have recently been advised by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to proceed cautiously while they perform a review of the preclinical toxicology and carcinogenicity data. These data are crucial to a determination of the safety of LAAM for marketing. Following receipt of a report on the animal studies, FDA conducted an inspection of the laboratory that performed the studies. As a result, the laboratory was asked to make certain recalculations of the data. A revised report was delivered to the FDA at the end of February. A meeting of NIDA and FDA staff will soon be held on the animal findings and a decision will be made on whether and how to proceed with the development of LAAM.

If the animal studies appear to be acceptable, then the Office of Orphan Products Development, FDA, is willing to help seek a sponsor for LAAM by publishing a notice in the Federal Register. Under the terms of the Orphan Drug Act, a firm marketing an unpatentable drug enjoys a seven-year period of exclusivity before another new drug application can be approved for the same drug for the same indication. Consequently, we feel hopeful that we will be able to find a commercial sponsor for LAAM.

I hope that this brief note brings you up-to-date on the status of LAAM and the direction the Institute anticipates following.

William Pollin, M.D. Director National Institute on Drug Abuse

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WASHINGTON

January 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY ANN URBAN

FROM: CARLTON TURNER

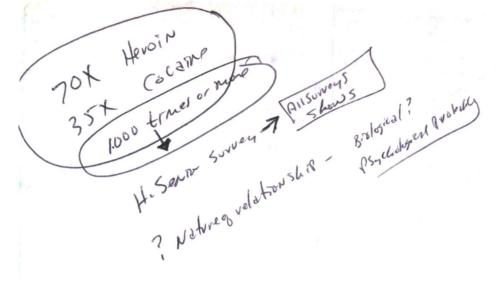
SUBJECT: Dr. Donald Ian MacDonald

For your information, one of the criticisms of Dr. MacDonald's nomination as Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) is that he is not a psychiatrist. That argument does not hold water.

In the history of ADAMHA there have been two (2) Administrators that were not psychiatrists:

- 1) Roger Egeberg an M.D., but not in psychiatry
- 2) James Isbister non M.D.

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Bill Pollin

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I hope you are progressing to put out a contract to study alternative drug policies - from harshest penalties to legalization. That issue has come up many times and I'm determined to get it in motion before July if at all possible. This Kentucky study is one example. We simply need to have someone smart put the facts together on the likely costs and benefits of the major policy options for marihuana along the entire policy spectrum. Please move on it. If there is any doubt about just what's wanted, then let's meet on it soon.

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attaching: copy letter Galbraith of Kentucky Marijuana Feasibility
Study, Lexington, KY, 4/3/78, re Legal Marijuana Guild Project
<u>I-78</u>. And copy of study.

Bob -I talked with Bill on this since - whil trey were working on it, they did not know your feeling of wrythey. Given your concerns - I will take this to the NAS committee (with will take this to the NAS committee (with in its contract with us is supposed to take policy issues) - if he strukes out - Then hell los (copy of this given to Ban 19C. when the



Gatewood Galbraith

P.O. Box 1438 Lexington, KY 40501 (606) 255-4630 (606) 255-2745 April 3, 1973

Consumer Affairs Department of Health, Education and Welfare Room 3310 330 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201

To Who It May Concern, Greetings:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 USC 552, as amended, however, we do realize that the information is otherwise available to professionals, but we anticipate demonstrating the urgency of this request. This is to request that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare delineate each and every program that we, KENTUCKY MARIJUANA FEASIBILITY STUDY, Coalition Against Marijuana Prohibition (CAMP) and The Legal Marijuana Guild, all non-profit organizations, by and through The Legal Marijuana Guild, may apply for funds to carry out the following health program. Your reply should include a description of the various programs, if any, their respective maximum grant contract amounts, to whom we should apply and all other additional information aimed at expiditing the commencement of the proposed health program. Subject program is attached to and incorporated into this request as enclosure one.

As a basis for requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act rather than relying on professional grantswriters to compile the requested information, we invoke that "furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." We further invoke that the expertise of individuals within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare can produce essentially the same results as private grantswriters, albeit much more efficiently. We ask that this request not be subject to strict guidelines or inflexible

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Re: LMG Project 1-78

precedents. Financial support to the aforementioned non-profit organizations has been limited, however the issues we address are deemed important to the general public. We further invoke the Freedom of Information Act as a means to equalize our limited resources to those of corporations who can readily afford to pay professional grantswriters.

The subject matter of our proposed health program is related to the spraying of paraquat on Mexican marijuana fields. HEW Secretary Joseph Califano has warned that (paraquat) sprayed marijuana accounts for at least 20 percent of all marijuana crossing the U. S. border. On March 12, Mr. Califano said the contaminated drug (marijuana) "could lead to permanent lung damage for regular and heavy users of marijuana, and conceivably for other users as well." Given that this issue involves millions of citizens we deem this to be an issue qualifying in every way for waiver of all fees, for "out-of-turn" consideration, and for an expidited response to this request.

We wish to further inform you that a Freedom of Information Act request has been sent to the Food and Drug Administration (Public Records and Documents Center) requesting photographs, negatives, four color separations and descriptions of various categories of marijuana. A copy of that request is included in enclosure one. The expiditious response to this and related requests will enhance our ability to educate the general public of the destructive nature of the chemical paraquat.

Have a good day Infloranth

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Encl: Proposed Health Project Copy to: Robert L. DuPont, M.D.

LEGAL MARIJUANA GUILD PROJECT 1-78

Paraquat Health Advisory

Sponsored by:

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Kentucky Marijuana Feasibility Study, Inc. P. O. Box 1438 Lexington, KY 40501 (606) 255-2945

Coalition Against Marijuana Prohibition (CAMP) P. O. Box 53102 Atlanta, GA 30355 (404)233-0010

The Legal Marijuana Guild P. O. Box 1438 Lexington, KY 40501

INTRODUCTION

As early as 1975 the United States Department of Agriculture corresponded with the State Department warning of the effects of paraguat on marijuana. Perhaps the Department of Agriculture, because of their expertise in agriculture, foresaw that despite programs aimed at keeping marijuana out of this country at least 20 percent of all marijuana crossing our borders would be poisoned with paraguat. No matter the basis of the Agriculture Department's 1975 objections to the use of paraquat, the State Department, and presumably other agencies, ignored the warnings and allowed the use of paraguat. We have since learned that paraguat could lead to permanent lung damage for users of marijuana. There has been a significant amount of paraquat-sprayed marijuana smuggled into this country, and the need to educate the public to be able to identify the poisonous marijuana, and thereby avoid risk of lung damage exists. Although present federal and state laws prohibit the use of marijuana, the reality that 20 percent of all marijuana brought into this country has been sprayed with a known poison dictates that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare assist in minimizing the particular use of "paraguatpot." Maximum consumer education can prevent an outbreak of lung damage. Failure on the part of the federal government to recognize that marijuana smuggling will always exist so long as there are prohibitive laws against it. subsequent failure to provide assistance in educating the consumers will be deemed as a conscious imposition of non-legislative approved punishment toward those who use marijuana.

NEED FOR EXPIDITIOUS PROCESSING

Marijuana is a rapid moving product on the market today. Swift attention to the possibility of unknowingly purchasing a potentially harmful chemical (paragat) is needed to avoid the clear and present danger of lung damage.

SCOPE OF LMG PROJECT 1-78

The sponsors of LMG Project 1-78 wish to apply for a federal grant to prepare, publish and distribute an advisory on paraquat. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have asked for the necessary photographs, negatives, four color separations and additional information which will be widely circulated to publications for public service advertising purposes. We have also requested that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare inform us as to the appropriate federal programs to whom we may apply for a grant to cover the costs of reproducing the paraguat advisory.



Gatewood Galbraith PRESIDENT

> P. O. Box 1438 Lexington, KY 40501 (606)-255-4630 (606) 255 - 2945 April 3, 1978

Public Records and Documents Center (HFC 18) Room 4-62 Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20852

Re: LMG Project 1-78

To Whom It May Concern, Greetings:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552 as amended by Pub. L. 93-502, 88 Stat. 1561, wherein we would like to obtain color photographs, negatives, four color separations and brief descriptions of each photograph of the following categories of marijuana:

a. Mexican marijuana plants growing in fields NOT sprayed with paraquat.

b. Mexican marijuana plants growing in fields SPRAYED with paraquat.

c. Mexican marijuana packaged for sale in the United States NOT sprayed with paraquat (the photograph should show marijuana outside of packaging).

d. Mexican marijuana packaged for sale in the United States SPRAYED with paraquat (the photograph should show marijuana outside of packaging).

e. Marijuana plants most resembling marijuana SPRAYED with paraquat when packaged for sale in the United Staes.

Newspaper accounts have indicated that 20% of all marijuana crossing into the United States has been sprayed with paraquat, and therefore, given the number of marijuana smokers in this country, the immediate processing of this request and the waiver of all fees will be clearly "in the public interest because fur-

John-Willa DIRECTOR- nishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." 5 USCA 552(a)(4)(A). KENTUCKY MARIJUANA FEASIBILITY STUDY in association with Coalition Against Marijuana Prohibition (CAMP), and The Legal Marijuana Guild, all non-profit organizations, intend to give the requested information the widest circulation. In this regard, the above named organizations have contacted publications in the United States and asked them to run Public Service ads showing the difference of each of the above categories of marijuana, and explaining the consequences of paraquat.

As the nature of the requested information does not come under any of the nine (9) statutory exemptions we anticipate that this request may be honored within ten (10) working days.

Have a good d

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Copy to: Robert L. DuPont, M.D.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED - - ACT NOW!

HELP PRESERVE THE PYRAMID PROJECT

Funds to support drug abuse programs are being cut to the bone. We fully realize that everyone is hurting and that even more cuts are in store. We believe that, in general the cuts in this area will have a catastrophic effect.

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We are, however, asking you to write about one federally funded project which can be saved and which we feel must be saved. The **PYRAMID PROJECT** operates on an annual budget of 1.5 million dollars. It has proved to be the single greatest source of support - in all areas - for the "parent movement" which is now recognized to be the most important and effective force our country has in the fight against drug abuse. **PYRAMID** is funded by the federal agency, The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). NIDA has called the **PYRAMID PROJECT** its most effective effort in the struggle to prevent drug abuse.

After July 31, 1982, unless our letters can reverse the verdict, all PYRAMID funds available to assist local programs - parent groups and others - will cease.

Here are some of **PYRAMID's** accomplishments:

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• From the inception of the parent movement in Atlanta in 1977, PYRAMID has supported local grassroots parent groups with technical assistance and by getting the word out to parents across the country. In some cases PYRAMID has made the difference in whether groups have thrived or died.

• When a new parent group starts, **PYRAMID** has often provided the funds (on a cost-share basis) so that an experienced parent group organizer can travel and spend several days with the leaders of the new group and the variety of community leaders to help them establish their group on a firm basis and avoid many of the pitfalls which the older group have "conquered."

• <u>Prevention Resources</u> (a publication developed by **PYRAMID** staff) reaches parents and professionals across the country with information about drug abuse prevention that is unobtainable anywhere else.

• PYRAMID produced and distributed <u>Parents</u>, <u>Peers and Pot</u>, the single most important monograph for parents.

• **PYRAMID** regularly supports the annual PRIDE conference in Atlanta by paying for speakers and lending staff support. Parents from all over the country assemble in Atlanta each year to learn about the latest research, hear the leading authorities, and obtain emotional support to continue their personal and group efforts to combat drug abuse and promote healthy lifestyles for their children.

• **PYRAMID** responds to calls concerning drug abuse prevention via a toll-free line from anyone in the country. These requests number more than 5,000 in any one year. Tens of thousands of persons have received assistance from **PYRAMID**.

• Since 1975 **PYRAMID** has been the one stable, federally-supported contract (administered by The Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation) that has assisted primary prevention programs across the nation with timely, cost-effective technical assistance, information and leadership. It has become the brain trust of the prevention field.

• PYRAMID manages the Channel One Program, a unique youth development project that utilizes a partnership between private sector sponsors and local prevention groups. The President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives has selected it as an exemplary project for private/public sector collaboration. In all but three states PYRAMID has helped to initiate more than 200 Channel One programs in such diverse areas as Indian villages, suburbs, rural communities, inner cities and middle-sized towns. These programs provide youth with personal and group incentives to become drug-free by developing and working in projects that serve the community.

These are a few of the many things that PYRAMID has accomplished.

Despite the fact that federal funds are being cut, we must mobilize support to save this vital support system. We want Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services to support the continuation of the **PYRAMID PROJECT** at its current level through a contract with the current contractor (The Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation).

Please write, immediately, a letter or mailgram of support to the following people:

The Hon. Richard S. Schweiker Department of Health & Human Services 200 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20021 The Hon. Gordon J. Humphrey, Chairman Senate Subcommittee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse 6205 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dr. William Pollin, Director National Institute on Drug Abuse Parklawn Building 5600 Fishers Lane Room 10-05 Rockville, Maryland 20857

When you write, use your personal stationery. A sample letter follows for your reference. It is important to do this right away because **PYRAMID** ends soon, and we will be without this vital support if we don't act now!

SAMPLE LETTER

I am writing because of my deep concern about the drug problem among the nation's youth. I am a (parent, teacher, business owner, etc.) and I believe that drug abuse has become a serious threat to the well-being of American youth and families - and to the future well-being of our country.

Within the last several years parents all over the country have organized to combat drug abuse, and they have been the most effective means of drug abuse prevention to date.

Parent groups need support, however, and one federal effort, the **PYRAMID PROJECT**, which is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), has been the single most important source of support to the parent movement. Regularly, throughout the country, **PYRAMID** has helped to get parent groups started by paying for other parent leaders to spend several days assisting the newly forming groups. **PYRAMID** also provides important materials and other forms of information to help parents in their drug abuse prevention efforts.

At the moment, the **PYRAMID** contract is scheduled to end in December, and **PYRAMID** assistance to parent groups will end July 31.

I urge you to do whatever you can to reverse that decision immediately. Specifically, parent groups need the current **PYRAMID** contractor, The Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, to continue its outstanding work and assistance to parents, as funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your help.

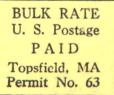
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