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The Honorable Margaret Heckler:

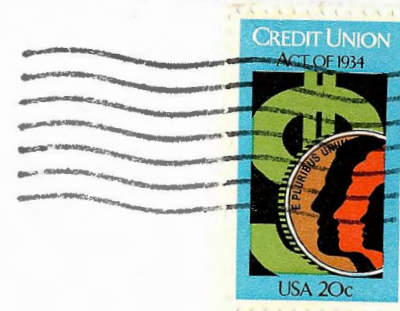
We support Dr. Ian MacDonald as director of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration and urge that he be appointed to this position as soon as possible. We feel that his experience as a practicing pediatrician will be a valuable asset to this position.

Respectfully,

Laura Prior
Secretary

cc: Dr. Carleton Turner

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Dr. Carleton Turner
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February 13, 1984

The Honorable Edward Brandt
Assistant Secretary for Health and
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: Recommendation of Donald I. Macdonald for Head of ADAMHA

Dear Dr. Brandt:

You may recall that we met a number of times a few years ago when I was completing my training. I am now writing to you to recommend that Dr. Macdonald be appointed as head of ADAMHA.

You may be aware that I was asked to consider this position several weeks ago. My duties in administering California's largest drug abuse and mental health program; professorial duties at UCLA; drug abuse consultant to the Los Angeles Dodgers; and my own elected office (Councilman, City of West Covina) do not allow me to currently accept a full-time position in Washington. I do believe, however, that Dr. Macdonald would be an excellent choice for this position. As I see it, the head of ADAMHA must relate to a wide variety of constituencies, and I believe Dr. Macdonald has the experience, backing, and temperament to deal effectively with these groups. I am aware that there some special interest groups that oppose his appointment, which is inevitable in any position of this level. I do not believe you should capitulate to these interests because the job is simply too broad to be swayed by any one group.

Although I am not in a position to take a full-time appointment in Washington, I was recently asked to consider being on the Drug Advisory Committee to the Food and Drug Administration. If you feel that I could assist in this or some other part-time capacity, I would be honored to do so. Please give my short remarks every consideration when you must make your decision.

Best regards,

Forest Tennant (cm)

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The Honorable Margaret Heckler
Secretary of Health and Human Services
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Washington, D. C. 20201

Re: Recommendation of Donald I. Macdonald, M.D. For Head of
ADAMHA

Dear Secretary Heckler:

I am writing to recommend that Dr. Donald Macdonald be appointed as head of ADAMHA. I believe that I am in a position to recommend him since I was asked to consider this position several weeks ago. Unfortunately, my duties in directing California's largest drug abuse and mental health program, professorial duties at UCLA, drug abuse consultant to the Los Angeles Dodgers, and participating in my own elected office (Councilman, City of West Covina), kept me from considering moving to Washington at this time. I do believe, however, that Dr. Macdonald would be an excellent choice for this position. He has a wide range of interests and would be accepted very well by most of the constituent groups that he would deal with.

I am aware that there are some special interest groups that do not find Dr. Macdonald to their liking. This is to be expected, but the ADAMHA position is one that needs to appeal to a wide range of thinking, and it should be a political appointment in every sense of the word. To this end, I do not believe that special interest groups should be allowed to influence the decision on this appointment.

Although I am not in a position to consider any full-time appointment, I have also recently been asked to consider an appointment to the Food and Drug Advisory Committee. In the event that I can assist you in this capacity, or some other, on a part-time basis, I would be honored to do so. Please give my short comments here every consideration.

Best regards,

Forest Tennant

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HECKLER FIGHTS LOSING BATTLE ON ADAMHA CHIEF

In a last-ditch effort to derail the expected nomination of Florida pediatrician Donald MacDonald, MD, (M&H 1-9-84) as the new head of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA), HHS Secretary Margaret Heckler has sent the White House a four-page memorandum that is highly critical of his medical, administrative, and drug abuse treatment experience. HHS' check of MacDonald's past, Heckler said, "has brought forth certain controversial and potentially embarrassing issues." The memo, a copy of which was obtained by MEDICINE & HEALTH, points out MacDonald's previous service as medical research director of Straight Inc., a highly controversial drug abuse program based in St. Petersburg FL. Straight Inc.'s drug abuse techniques are "at the best, at the fringe of clinically acceptable approaches to drug treatment," the memo continues. It cites several lawsuits pending against the organization in Virginia and Florida. The memo says MacDonald "has no government or management experience and has never had to deal with large complex organizations, let alone Congress."

HECKLER TRIES AGAIN ON UNDER SECRETARY

HHS Secretary Margaret Heckler has selected another candidate for the long-vacant post of under secretary and sent his name to the White House where the would-be nominee is tied up in more of the marathon haggling that has been going on between the Secretary and White House advisers. The latest candidate is Charles Baker, a Boston consultant and friend of the Secretary. Baker is chief executive officer of Harbridge House.

HOSPICE LAW BACKER INCORPORATES

Leading forces behind the hospice reimbursement law that sailed through Congress in 1982 have started a for-profit hospice corporation, Hospice Care, Inc. One of them, Don Gaetz, former president of the National Hospice Organization and now the vice president of the new corporation, says formation of the company "may not have been as necessary" if HCFA had not gone with a prospective payment system and bent under pressure to lower what hospices say is one of the key daily rates. The new venture has rocked the hospice movement but Gaetz says the only way hospices can survive is by turning to the private sector.

CBO REPORT ON MEDICARE FUND ISSUED(p.2) WAXMAN WANTS TO SLOW DRGs(p.3)

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PERSPECTIVES -- ACCESS TO CAPITAL: THE BOND ISSUE (Insert)

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February 7, 1984

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Dear Dr. Turner:

I want you to know how personally delighted I am with your nomination of Doctor Ian Macdonald to be the administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. My knowledge of Doctor Macdonald indicates that he is a sound choice for this most important position. I believe his appointment will bring a fresh perspective to the overall goals and missions of ADAMHA.

I so much wanted to stop by your office and say hello during my recent visit to the White House. Unfortunately, I ran out of time. Hopefully we can get together on my next trip to Washington.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Chauncey.

CHAUNCEY L. VEATCH III
Director

PEGGY MANN

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February 29, 1984

The Honorable Margaret Heckler
Secretary of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Madam Secretary:

I understand that you are considering Dr. Donald Ian MacDonald for the position of administrator, ADAMHA.

To introduce myself in a sentence--which gave me "credentials" of a sort for writing this letter--I have been called by Dr. Robert DuPont and others "our nation's foremost drug abuse prevention author." (I have, for example, written six articles for the Reader's Digest, four of them on the health hazards of marijuana, one on parents vs. pot, and an article in the February 1984 issue of the Digest on "Drugs in the Workplace." I have also written articles on the health hazards of marijuana, kids and drugs, and the hazards of driving under the influence of marijuana and alcohol for such publications as Woman's Day, Ladies Home Journal, Family Weekly, King Features, Washington Post "Outlook" Section, etc. I have also just completed a book of over 900 ms. pages for McGraw Hill, titled Marijuana Alert.) For virtually all these articles I have turned to Dr. MacDonald as an important interview source. His up-to-date knowledge about drug and alcohol abuse is far-reaching and far more accurate than I have found to be the case with many other experts I have interviewed.

I understand that there are some psychiatrists and perhaps others in the substance abuse field who point out that Dr. MacDonald has few published papers to his credit. I would like to say that many people I have come into contact with since I started specializing in writing about substance abuse in 1978, who have reams of published papers to their credit, seem to lack full understanding of the enormity of our national problem in this respect, and have done next to nothing about it. Dr. MacDonald, on the other hand, has taken a leadership role which, in the area of pediatric medicine and in other areas, has, I believe, had an important effect nationwide. MacDonald, for example, was one of the very few pediatricians to recognize early the devastating effects that marijuana was having on our young people and who spoke out about this in no uncertain terms.

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As the daughter of a psychologist, I have great admiration for members of this profession. It was, in fact, my mother, who works with high school students in the South Bronx who alerted me to the dangers of marijuana use, especially among youth, as early as 1977. She was certainly unusual in this regard. As you know, there are countless members of this profession who are still talking about teaching our children the "responsible use of drugs." Since drug use among our youth is one of our nation's problems, it would seem to me eminently fitting to have a noted pediatrician as an administrator of ADAMHA.

I also noted in the Washington Post that there was criticism of MacDonald because of his relationship to STRAIGHT. This criticism came, as I understand it, shortly after the remarkably biased portrayal of STRAIGHT on "60 Minutes." I would like to point out that "60 Minutes" has done virtually nothing to alert the public about the hazards of marijuana. On the other hand, they have done segments such as one on "home-grown" pot in which they referred to the American sinsemilla as "good"--without noting that it's considered good by pot smokers because of the high THC content; high enough to turn some new users psychotic. I think it would be disastrous if the bias which is evident in "60 Minutes" handling of the drug problem, influenced in any way the choice of our next administrator of ADAMHA.

I would like to close by saying that what this nation needs in the way of an administrator is someone with experience, someone with courage, someone with proven abilities to get things done; someone exactly like Dr. MacDonald. In my view, because of his broad clinical experience in drug and alcohol abuse, he is far more qualified for this position than someone who merely writes papers about drugs, alcohol and mental health.

Sincerely,

Peggy Mann

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cc/ Senator Orrin Hatch

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 15, 1984

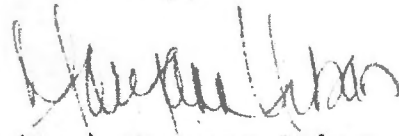
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Moulton:

Thank you for your recommendation of Dr. Donald Ian Macdonald for the position of Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

Your comments have been placed into the applicant's permanent personnel file, and they will be considered when we are seeking individuals to fill current and future vacancies.

We appreciate your involvement in the appointments process and encourage you to continue recommending qualified persons to serve in the Reagan Administration.

Sincerely,



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Presidential Personnel

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Peter Torigian
Mayor

February 28, 1984

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I would like to acquaint you with an individual who I understand is under consideration by the White House for the post of Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. (ADAMHA)

Dr. Donald I. MacDonald has a record of experience on issues which are of concern to us locally, and indeed nation-wide. Of particular interest to us is his demonstrated commitment to research and education on the effects of drug abuse on children and their families. In this work, he has given priority to strengthening drug education programs in our schools. His professional and medical background offers a strong foundation to the programs he has supported in the past, and to the proposals he is putting forward for the future.

An individual with his concerns in such a position would give us here in Peabody hope that the programs we have initiated as a result of our Drug Task Force in the schools will receive assistance and encouragement from the Federal level of government. If the issues are highlighted in the national forum, it can only help to strengthen our ongoing program here.

I would ask that should Dr. MacDonald's name be placed before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, you would give his nomination your most careful consideration.

Thank you in advance for your support on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peter Torigian".
Peter Torigian
Mayor, City of Peabody

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moulton
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moulton:

Thank you for your letter in support of the appointment of Dr. Donald Ian MacDonald as the Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration. I am pleased to make the White House fully aware of the broad support that now exists.

I am grateful for your interest and your efforts.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

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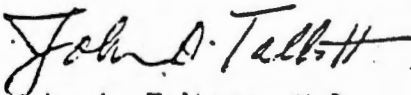
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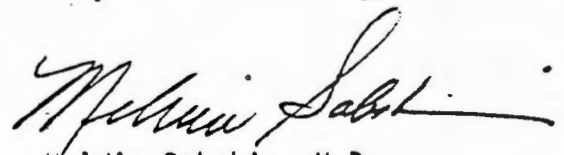
The American Psychiatric Association, a medical specialty society representing over 30,000 physicians nationwide, is pleased to endorse the nomination of Donald Ian Macdonald, M.D. for the position of Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA). We urge you and all Members of the Committee to report his nomination favorably.

Since serving as Administrator of ADAMHA, Dr. Macdonald has consistently provided leadership to the missions of ADAMHA. He has evidenced a keen interest and sensitivity to the broad range of important mental illness and addictive disorder issues that ADAMHA is concerned with. And, this is well documented, for example his selection of Shervert H. Frazier, M.D., as Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). We are very much aware that Dr. Macdonald has been extremely accessible to the various, often diverse and competing, interest groups involved in ADAMHA's activities. In meetings with the leadership of the APA, and in meetings with the various psychiatric constituent membership components of the APA, Dr. Macdonald has shown himself to be not only extraordinarily knowledgeable about a broad range of issues, but also receptive to new ideas. He has been most impressive.

In view of his proven abilities and qualifications, we would like the hearing record to evidence the APA's support for Dr. Macdonald and we urge the Committee on Labor and Human Resources to act favorably upon his nomination.

Sincerely,


John A. Talbott, M.D.
President


Melvin Sabshin, M.D.
Medical Director

cc: Members, U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources