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Dr. Lawrence Kolb
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Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for sending me the reprint of your article in "Police" and for your kind comments. I have also just received my copy of the recent hearings before Kefauver and I was especially delighted by your testimony.

Dr. Chapman disappointed me to a degree by his over-emphatic assertion that English experience means nothing to us or something like that. Surely he knows that if English addicts could not get their stuff from doctors they would be criminals too like ours; and surely he must know that many of our addicts would be law abiding under similar circumstances. Also, I should think that Dr. Chapman would know from United Nations reports that most of the nations of Europe have similar programs so why act as if the British program were unique?

In your article you mention an official who approved a new law because it would enable addicts to be "trapped like animals" ----I wonder if sometime you would tell me if this is a published statement or one made to you personally, and who it was? I just gleaned one from Anslinger before the Boggs Committee where he said about the traffic being a good way to make money: "We have had some rather substantial young fellows who think, 'We will get into this; this is the way to make a killing,' and, of course, if you know the ropes, it is." (p.133)

I am somewhat embarrassed by the fact that the statement of mine on the British system which I had introduced into the record, is scheduled for publication in "Law and Contemporary Problems" and that it should come out first this way. It was scheduled for the "winter issue" and I thought it would be out long before now.

What elates me especially about the Kefauver thing is that I think with you, Chapman and me agreeing substantially on England, and with all three of us having been there, that maybe this at least is pinned down. You were much too charitable to Anslinger when you said there were people who were denying "in good faith" what the British do. I believe that Kefauver eventually caught on to this and probably knows the score.

Sincerely,

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