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Dr. Lawrence Kolb
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Dear Dr. Kolb:

I suppose that you know of the work of the Joint Committee of the ABA & AMA on Narcotic Drugs and of the attack on this by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. Since the committee's work, especially the interim report which contains the statement by Ploscowe and another by King, was never really made available to the public I approached the Indiana University Press about it and they have agreed to publish the interim and final reports with a brief introduction by me. If you are willing to and feel that it is worth it I would appreciate anything that you would do to give this book a boost. I hope that it will get at least as much circulation as Anslinger's attack on it has already had.

In connection with the above there is a possibility that I may write an article for Harpers on the Federal Narcotics Bureau stressing the activities which it engages in with respect to policy discussion and other matters not connected with law enforcement. I probably have enough material on hand myself for the article but I have written to a couple other people who have also had their troubles with Anslinger. One of these, Dr. Karl Bowman, suggested to me that you might know something about the LaGuardia report on marihuana and the treatment it received. If you have information on this which you would not object to my using I'd appreciate it. Also, if you have other information from your own experience pertaining to the Bureau's propaganda activity, suppression of information, Harassment of individual heretics, and so on I'd appreciate it also. If you would care to make a statement which I might quote I'd be pleased with that. Also, if you like, I will be happy to send you anything I write about these matters for your o. k. prior to publication.

I suppose that you probably know that the Russell Sage Foundation supported the Joint Committee financially but declined to publish the interim report except in limited numbers for the use of the committee and the Houses of Delegates of the two associations. I have not been able to discover the reasons for this.

Appropos of the possible Harpers article it appears to me that you could yourself write such an article from your own experience. I wish very much that you would do so. If not I think you should at least write down a record of some of your experiences along these lines and either publish it or make some copies of it so that the information would not be lost.

Sincerely,

Alfred R. Lindesmith
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Answered again May 22, 1961

tell him about my efforts to find out more & also about the revision of (Lindesmith's) Crime in America