

U. S. Narcotic Farm,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

October 3, 1935.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. W. L. Treadway, Asst. Surgeon General,  
United States Public Health Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Treadway:

I have your letter of September 30, 1935, concerning the proposed conference here on October 15th, 16th and possibly 17th to iron out differences about dihydrodesoxymorphine-D. We shall be pleased to have the group here for this purpose and also to reap any benefit that may be possible from suggestions they may have as to our work.

Dr. Himmelsbach gave me last week with request for comment a manuscript of an article by Drs. Eddy, Howes and Reid on the effect of dihydrodesoxymorphine-D on animals. I wrote him a memorandum about this and the whole thing was forwarded to your office yesterday. You will note from it that I am in perfect agreement with your attitude about this drug and it is especially gratifying to me that I was able to express my feeling before I knew what your attitude was.

To put this drug out with even a suggestion that it may not be addicting would be little short of a crime. In my opinion, the experiments that this group have done on animals prove that it is addicting and more so than heroin. I feel from my reading of the article in question that the group is unconsciously trying to put over an inference that conflicts with their own findings.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Kolb,  
Medical Director,  
Medical Officer in Charge

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