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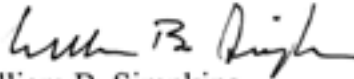
Dear Dr. Doblin:

This letter is in response to your letters, dated June 10, 2003, to Attorney General John Ashcroft and myself expressing your opinion that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) should grant Dr. Lyle Craker's application to cultivate marijuana.

As mentioned in your letter, Mr. Asa Hutchinson (former Administrator of DEA) was quoted as stating that "the question of whether marijuana has any legitimate medical purpose should be determined by sound science and medicine." In this regard, DEA fully supports bona fide research through the registration of those researchers holding approved protocols that investigate the potential therapeutic value of marijuana and its active constituents.

DEA has received your comments and is in the process of reviewing them in conjunction with Dr. Craker's application to become registered as a bulk manufacturer of marijuana.

Sincerely,

  
William B. Simpkins  
Acting Administrator