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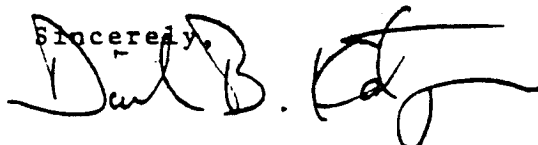
DEA ADMINISTRATOR
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Gentlemen-

It has come to my attention that the experimental drug methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) is being considered for scheduling as a dangerous substance. As a physician, one of my duties is supervision of a drug detoxification program. As you know problems of drug addiction are among the most difficult to deal with. Any help we can get in this area is deeply needed.

Recently, a number of preliminary research papers indicate that the substance MDMA may be of value in dealing with problems of addiction, particularly addiction to cocaine. Unfortunately, no thorough studies are available at this time. However, based on the work accumulated to date I feel that MDMA warrants further investigation as a possible adjunct to drug detoxification programs. I therefore request that a hearing be granted to evaluate the possible clinical usefulness of this substance before it is made inaccessible for further investigation.

Thankyou for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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