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WASHINGTON

March 8, 1984

Dear Jay:

Do you think anyone would meet the broad qualification listed on the attachment to your letter to me on February 29, 1984.

Regards,

Sincerely,



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Dear Carlton:

Appreciate your offer of help regarding requested meeting and understand your comments about activity by individual psychiatrists. In a way related to the latter, enclosed is a page from the National Mental Health Association's February 27, 1984 report to the National Advisory Mental Health Council.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Jay B. Cutler  
Special Counsel and Director  
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appreciation and best wishes stating that "while we do suffer a loss, we are delighted to know that when you leave us, you will go on to share your talents and insights with others...and we can be sure that your commitment to mental health and your service to this important cause will remain intact."

#### VII. NMHA CONTACTS WHITE HOUSE REGARDING ADAMHA ADMINISTRATOR

After learning that the White House was considering appointing an Administrator for ADAMHA without consulting with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the professional, consumer, and scientific communities, NMHA's Executive Committee telegraphed the White House expressing NMHA's concern about the method being used to fill the vacant position. NMHA's Executive Committee urged the Administration "to make no precipitous decision" on the nominee for Administrator. NMHA stated that "it is essential that this position be filled by an individual with broad experience, particularly in the research field and in administration" and that to accomplish this "a careful search process...which includes full consultation with the professional, consumer and scientific communities is essential."

#### VIII. NMHA, NAMI, & AMHF MEET

The leadership of the National Mental Health Association, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and the American Mental Health Fund (recently founded by Jack Hinckley, Sr.) have begun a series of meetings to discuss ways to develop closer working relationships at all levels of our organizations in order to better accomplish our common goals. The first leadership meeting, held prior to the December National Advisory Mental Health Council meeting, focused on public policy issues and on the potential for a new research foundation to award grants for mental health research. It was agreed that the three organizations will try to work more closely and that, as a beginning, a recommitment to the goals and proposals in the National Plan for the Chronically Mentally Ill would be jointly made by these three groups. Continuing meetings are planned to carry-on this important dialogue, with the second meeting scheduled yesterday, prior to this meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council.

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Dear Doctor Turner:

In a little over one week, the Task Force on Substance Abuse sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics will convene in Chicago. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to Chair this meeting, and consider it an honor to have the opportunity to work with such a distinguished and knowledgeable group of colleagues.

As a bit of background information, let me share with you my general understanding as to how this Task Force came into existence. Obviously, the Academy has long recognized the unacceptable involvement of children, adolescents, and young adults in the use of licit and illicit drugs. Last Fall, the Executive Board determined that the issue of substance abuse would receive high priority for a major public awareness campaign. It was determined that the effort would be on a scale similar to that of the very successful "First Ride - Safe Ride" campaign which addressed the issue of infants and children using appropriate restraints in automobiles. Like that campaign, the original plan for the endeavor involving substance abuse was to utilize primarily "in-house" resources with input from specific groups as well as individuals within the Academy. At the meeting of the Council on Child and Adolescent Health in January of this year, the members present were not unanimous in their support of this proposed initiative. There was debate as to just what the Academy's role in this complex issue should be, and some concern was expressed as to whether or not this was an appropriate area of involvement for the AAP. The culmination of this discussion was the recommendation that a group of experts on the subject be impaneled as a Task Force to provide specific recommendations and guidelines.

When we gather in Chicago, I think there are several specific issues we need to address. The first, obviously, concerns whether or not the Academy should become involved in this issue at all. If the answer is affirmative, and I have every reason to believe that it will be, then what we must provide specific guidelines as to the extent of involvement and recommend the most cost effective means of creating the greatest impact.

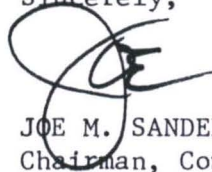
I'm sure that all of us have many ideas on this subject. Some of you have already sent me some materials. I would urge that everyone bring

with them any printed materials which would be of interest to the group. Whenever possible, it would be nice to have copies for each of the Task Force Members.

Another issue I think we should address concerns the feasibility of interfacing with groups already organized to address this subject. In other words, would the Academy get "more for its money" by coat-tailing with organizations such as the The Chemical People, MADD, or the National Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Conversely, should we be more autonomous and develop our own strategies for addressing this problem.

In summary, I think we have been charged with a monumental task, and we must reach some definitive decisions and offer specific recommendations following a one day meeting. However, I am confident that this elite group will be equal to the challenge. I look forward to our meeting, and again urge that you bring any materials you deem appropriate to share with the group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe M. Sanders, Jr.", written over a circular scribble.

JOE M. SANDERS, Jr., M.D., F.A.A.P.  
Chairman, Committee on Adolescence

cc: Dr. Lockhart