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IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE
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I am enclosing copy of the Annual Progress Report to the Office of Naval Research. There is no material in this report which was not covered in the Annual Report to the Public Health Service, copy of which you already have received.

Since I have last written you we have completed a large number of experiments with LAE-32, with very disappointing results. We have seen no evidence of effects of any kind with doses as high as 1250 micrograms. This compound seems so far inferior to LSD-25 that work with it has been discontinued.

We have been busy obtaining control determinations (fasting) on the rate of disappearance of blood alcohol, using both the breathmeter and direct blood determinations. The effects of three types of food -- steak, bread and cream -- will be begun later this month. The necessary preliminary human pharmacological investigations are underway with the metabolic blocker, beta-diethylaminoethylpropylacetate, and with chlorpromazine. A variety of experiments are being planned with both agents, once the necessary background information has been obtained.

I will be in Washington on Wednesday, January 21st en route to the meeting of the Drug Addiction Committee in Rahway, N.J. I would like to spend the morning with you and Mr. Bortner, if that is convenient. Please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Harris Isbell
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Enclosure

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