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Dr. Edwin B. Wilson  
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Dear Doctor Wilson:

We are glad to know that you are likely to be able to attend the September 28th conference on Effects of Nicotine on the Central Nervous System. The subject is not supposed to be restrictive. It really amounts only to an attempt to put into words the theme that seems to connect the studies of the six grantees around whom the conference is being organized. Their angles of approach are all different but yet related. One reason for considering the central nervous system is that several investigators seem to think it likely that the pleasures of smoking may arise out of its central actions. Hence if we are ever to find out why people like to smoke we might get clues in this area. At the same time we certainly cannot, and do not wish to, exclude anything pertaining to the sympathetic or autonomic systems.

I inquired of Dr. Miller of Michigan whether he would like to come. He says he would like to but cannot at that time.

We will hope to see you on the 28th.

Sincerely,

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Associate Scientific Director

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