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Dear Stephanie Schmitz,

I am a PhD candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago and am completing a dissertation titled *The Rip Van Winkle Science: Credibility Struggles in the “Psychedelic Renaissance.”* I am writing to request permission to use material from the Purdue University Psychoactive Substances Research Collection in my dissertation. The material from the Collection to be reproduced in my work are:

**Charles Savage papers, MSP70, Box 9, Folder: Plans, Procedures, and Activities**

On page 85 of my dissertation, I quote from the document titled, “Plans and Procedures Relative to the Psychedelic Investigational Program as Formulated by the Committee on Psychedelic Research” at Spring Grove Hospital. I include the following quotes:

An undated memo described a committee composed of Drs. Kurland, Savage, Shaffer, and Unger that was established to “safeguard this work and ensure that it proceeds without hindrance” and to “mitigate against the possibility of fatal errors of judgment on the part of any one individual.”

“The basic principle will be whether the individual will enhance or impede psychedelic work.”

In order to make sure that the Committee did not “confuse enthusiasm and interest for talent and ability,” interested candidates were required to submit a curriculum vitae and participate in an interview with the Committee to determine their “suitability” for this work.

**Thomas B. Roberts papers, MSP71, Box 1, Folder 7**

On page 90 of my dissertation, I quote a note that was scribbled on the front cover of the brochure for the Institute for Psychedelic Research which reads, “Killed by Leary. What might have been,” signed by Myron [Stolaroff].

**Stan Grof papers, MSP1, Box 17, Folder 10.**

On page 99, I include the following quote from Humphry Osmond’s speech, “Early Psychedelic History” given at Esalen in 1979:

“Timothy at that time was wearing the traditional gray flannel suit, and he looked—with his wonderful blue eyes and everything—he looked an absolutely typical sort of executive professor.
And I was tremendously impressed. We [he and Huxley] were very pleased to think that Timothy would devote himself to these scientific activities. In fact, Aldous said he felt that Timothy was essentially extremely sound, and I remember I thought he looked a bit stuffy.”

I also quote from this speech on page 114:

“Aldous [Huxley] and I believed he would be devoting himself to these somewhat detached explorations, but that really wasn’t Timothy’s way… What happened later was unexpected.”

“We couldn’t have been more mistaken… I made many blunders about human beings in my life, but I never made a bigger one than that. Because Timothy certainly wasn’t stuffy.”

**Harvard Psilocybin Project papers, MSP98, Box 1 of 1, Folder 1 of 1.**
On page 104, I quote the following from a memo written by Richard Alpert:

In response to McClelland, Richard Alpert distributed a memo on behalf of the Project team to “establish better communications with our colleagues, and to take steps to insure the acceptance and support of this type of research within the community.” Alpert admitted that the psilocybin research group was “insufficiently sensitive to the concerns which research in a new area engenders” and proposed modifications to the study to placate concerned members of the Center.

**Charles Savage Papers, MSP70, Box 9, Folder: Inquires about LSD Treatment.**
On page 187, I quote from the Spring Grove permission form for training experience with LSD:

The permission form for the training experience explains that volunteers agree to take LSD in order to develop a “greater understanding of the experience which patients undergo when they receive LSD in the course of therapy.”

Unless you request otherwise, I will use the conventional style of the Graduate College of the University of Illinois at Chicago as acknowledgement. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone at 224-239-0700 or by email at dgifflo2@uic.edu. Thank you for your kind consideration in this request.

Sincerely,

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