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**Re: Friendly Advice**

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To: Ryan Vandrey <rvandrey@jhmi.edu>

Sat, Apr 15, 2017 at 2:09 PM

Ryan,

Thank you for reaching out.

Let me be clear, we did reach out multiple times to you and to many others at Hopkins with little result. The voicemail is about the only response we received.

I don't think we presented a "conspiracy plan" in the letter addressed to President Daniels but maybe you can highlight exactly what it is you believe is the "conspiracy plan" we are talking about.

Here is the link to make it easy [WFWP Letter To Hopkins](#)

I am happy you feel you have the full support of Hopkins to study cannabis as it relates to PTSD. So I ask, what studies are you conducting on Cannabis and PTSD?

I think cooperation is key, so as you highlight:

"MAPS and JHU will continue to work to help veterans, and we will do so as quickly as possible."

Bravo, can you highlight what the cooperative work between MAPS and JHU are doing to help Veterans now or in the near future?

I await your reply as we foster this new found ability to have an open discussion!

Best

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On Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 10:10 PM, Ryan Vandrey <rvandrey@jhmi.edu> wrote:

Hi Sean,

I just wanted to reach out very quickly to you in the aftermath of the letter you sent to the president of JHU through the media. The next time you want information, please just call the person who has the answers (in this case me).

There was no government conspiracy at play in our decision to withdraw from the MAPS study and the Hopkins leadership has given me nothing but full support for doing the research I do, including research into the effects of cannabis as a potential therapeutic for PTSD. Now, that might change if they continue to have to take time out of their day to deal with things like your letter.

Next time just pick up the phone and ask nicely for answers to your questions and you might get them.

I can assure you that both MAPS and JHU will continue to work to help veterans, and we will do so as quickly as possible, but things get slowed down when we need to unnecessarily put out media fires. Doing this work is challenging enough as it is and I lost a lot of time dealing with your letter. This e-mail is a professional courtesy and you may not share any of its contents with the media or otherwise publicly post it.

I send this with respect and hope that you receive it for what it is.

-Ryan