

ISGIDAR

International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers

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Mike Wallace
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of ISGIDAR, the International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers, I would like to express our strong support for the segment of 60 Minutes on Dr. Michael Carey that aired on Sunday, January 24, 1993. ISGIDAR is an organization, now in its twentieth year, of approximately 200 researchers whose job it is to conduct basic research designed to help understand and control drug abuse in our society. More than half of those researchers use animals as subjects. The use of animals in research is carefully regulated by the federal government to ensure that the animals are treated humanely. The value of research designed to help eliminate abuse of drugs in our society is clear. Moreover, it is just one example of the broad biomedical research effort involving the humane use of animals to improve the health and the quality of life for us all

Your clear and factual reporting of the almost unbelievable sequence of politically motivated events that ultimately lead the Department of Defense to ignore scientific and clinical evidence of the value of Dr. Carey's research was a revealing portrait of how leading figures in the animal rights movement will stop at nothing in their campaign to end all use of animals in biomedical research. It accurately illustrated just how threatening the efforts of these individuals can be to the health and welfare all Americans, not just those who serve in the military.

60 Minutes and CBS have done a great service to biomedical research and the American public. We congratulate you on a great piece of investigative journalism.

Sincerely,



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