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Dear Dr. Wendroff:

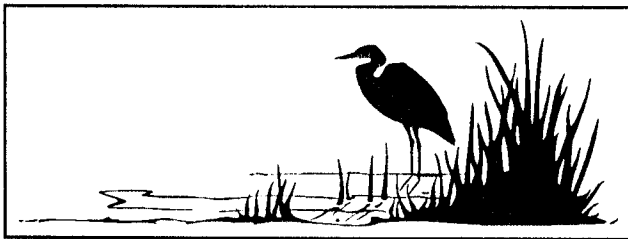
Thank you for presenting information to New Jersey's Mercury Task Force on mercury use in magico-religious practices. We appreciate you conveying the importance of this issue to the Task Force to complete our understanding of potential sources of human exposure to mercury. Your material will help us with refining the New Jersey mercury inventory, as well as with developing the Task Force report recommendations.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. McGeorge, Director
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Dr. Arnold P. Wendroff
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Dear Dr. Wendroff:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have been giving our organization during the last four months. Your information regarding the use of mercury in our community has been very useful in our research, and we hope to continue working with you. We also appreciate your monetary contribution to our organization. It came at a time when we were having serious budget difficulties.

Our organization has been working in our community, and in a few weeks we should have a complete survey ready regarding the number of "Botanicas" selling mercury in Manhattan. Also, we will include different uses of mercury in spiritual rituals in our community.

Once again, thank you for your support, and we look forward to continue working with you.

Sincerely,


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President