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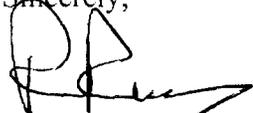
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
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RE: Methadone Programs

Dear Food and Drug Administration:

I am very much in favor of these programs being transferred to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and that such programs under their management include significant social and vocational rehabilitation treatment integrated into the disbursement of methadone. CSAT has already done a great deal of work on determining the best components of such treatment and has published these through their Treatment Improvement Protocols.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Ries".

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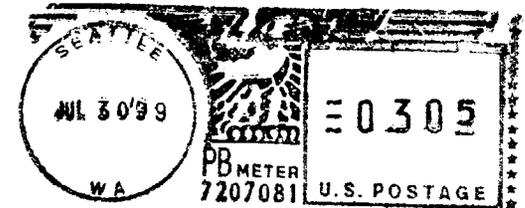
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