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To: The members of the AAAP  
Drug and Biologics Committee

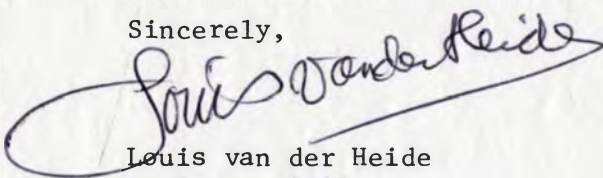
Dear Committee Member:

In the past weeks, we have received a suggestion for a concept of professional supervision (through veterinary involvement) in the administration of antibiotics (e.g. tetracyclines and penicillin) in poultry feeds.

If the producers in the poultry industry would develop a prescribed health program for their company, which could be reviewed annually with a practicing veterinarian, company veterinarian or extension/diagnostician, then this might be the basis for a comprehensive (blanket) clearance for the use of antibiotics in poultry feeds by such producers. A similar blanket prescription would then also be developed, with involvement of a veterinarian, in the dispensing of antibiotics by feed mills and drug supply houses. Such procedures would eliminate the need for a case by case prescription rule. Under these conditions we would be a step ahead of the presently voiced "NO" to any regulations, which might backfire on our industry and again lead to more stringent FDA regulations in the future. Please read also the enclosed letter that I wrote to AAAP President McCapes, that has some information on the present status of this affair.

I would like your opinion on the above proposal by mail or by phone: 203-486-4000 office (at night 203-228-0140). Then we will use the consensus in our annual report to be presented at the coming AAAP annual meeting in Seattle.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, AAAP  
Drug and Biologics Committee

Enclosure: copy of letter to President AAAP

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