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In The Matter Of
SILVIO RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, M.D.
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: NOTICE OF
SUMMARY SUSPENSION
: OF LICENSURE AND
: FORMAL HEARING
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TO: Silvio Rafael Rodriguez, M.D.
7522 Benjamin #101
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") is in receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that, on several occasions during the month of January 1982, you obtained Ketamine Hydrochloride for the purpose of self-administration, without legitimate medical justification therefor. Such information also indicates that you may be suffering from acute depression or other psychiatric deficit or disorder and that such disorder may have precipitated your use or abuse of Ketamine Hydrochloride and a consequent physiological or psychological dependency on such substance. Additional particulars relative to

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this information may be obtained upon application to the Board's legal counsel.*

Such information, if true, may constitute violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, LSA-R.S. 37:1261-91, or cause thereunder for administrative action against your medical licensure, LSA-R.S. 37:1285. Accordingly, please take notice that you are hereby charged with "[h]abitual or recurring use of morphine, opium, cocaine or other drugs having a similar effect," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(5); "administering habit-forming . . . substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(6); and "[i]nability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of mental illness or deficiency . . . and/or, excessive use or abuse of drugs . . .," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(25).

Based upon the nature, magnitude and severity of the violations alleged, together with the apparent reliability of the information presented, the Board has concluded that emergency action is imperative to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare.

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Accordingly, please take notice that:

(1) Pursuant to the authority vested in it by LSA-R.S. 37:1285 and LSA-R.S. 49:961C, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners has summarily suspended your license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana pending formal proceedings for revocation or other disciplinary action. You are hereby advised that upon receipt of this notice you have no right or entitlement to practice medicine in any form in this state until such time as your privileges are reinstated by the Board.

(2) A formal hearing will be convened within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, to adjudicate the hereinabove alleged violations and to determine whether just cause exists for the revocation of your license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana or for other disciplinary action as provided for by LSA-R.S. 37:1285. You will be notified of the time, date and place of such hearing in the near future.

The hearing is intended to provide you with an opportunity of testing the validity and/or accuracy of the information set forth above and to present relevant evidence in your defense. You are therefor invited to attend and participate as you see fit, either personally or through the services of legal counsel of your choice.

Should you desire the Board to issue any subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or for production of documents on your behalf in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:956(5), please so notify the Board as soon as possible. Please also notify the Board as to whether you will at-

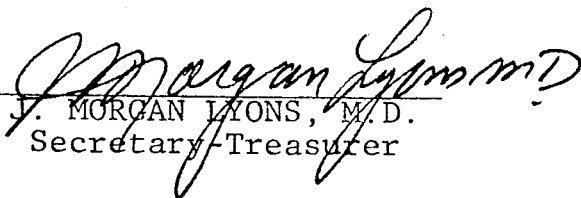
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tend the hearing and the name and address of your legal counsel, if any.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 18 day of February, 1982.

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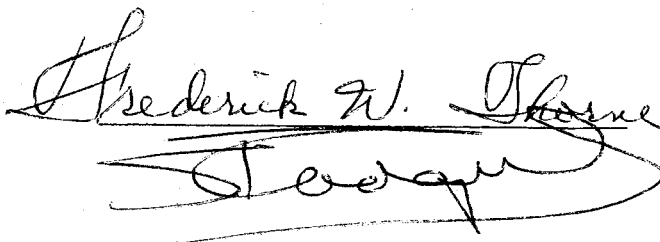
By:


J. MORGAN LYONS, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

SERVICE BY:

Certified Mail No. _____
Return Receipt Requested

Personal Service. I hereby certify that on the 19 day of February, 1982, at 11:50 A.M., I served the within Notice of Summary Suspension of Licensure and Formal Hearing on Silvio Rafael Rodriguez, M.D., by delivering same to him at Louis Infirmary, or to a person of suitable age and discretion therein residing.


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