Farewell

by

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Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of our staff we thank you for having come to our meeting. We hope it was productive.

This effort was a success due to the continued growing support of colleagues and friends. Barbara Goldstein for her patience and understanding; Ellis Douek for his insight and perspectives of problems of communicative disorders; Jack Vernon and M. Meickle for their unswerving dedication to the problem of tinnitus and expressions of friendship; Gloria Reich and B. Hocks and BTA for their commitment to the tinnitus patient; the interest of the Tinnitus Self Help Groups; the International Advisory Group; J-M. Aran for directing our attention to the need to recognize tinnitus as a discipline; R. Bilger for setting guidelines for psychophysical and psychoacoustical aspects of tinnitus research; J. House, D. Brackmann and the LA Otologic Medical Group for their leadership in problems of the ear and tinnitus; J. Hazell and the BTA for their efforts with tinnitus; J. Eggermont and J. Durant who have addressed the physiology of the auditory system for the symptom of tinnitus. Many new concepts have been proposed. They must stand the test of time. It is to the professionals who are increasing in number and directing their efforts for the problem of tinnitus to where the application of these concepts and their proof or disproof is to be sought.

To the tinnitus patient the ranks of professionals for tinnitus control is increasing with one goal in mind—improvement of control and treatment systems for the symptom of tinnitus.

As Ellis Douek has analyzed, we have now advanced with the problem of tinnitus to where at this meeting presentations attempting to understand tinnitus itself have begun. The presentations of our guest of honor—Professor J. Tonndorf— indicate a new application for the diagnosis of high frequency hearing loss; and its application for tinnitus diagnosis and understanding.

We look forward to the future.

Thank you very much.

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To the tinnitus patient—the ranks of professionals is increasing with one goal in mind—improvement of control and treatment systems for the symptom of tinnitus.

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