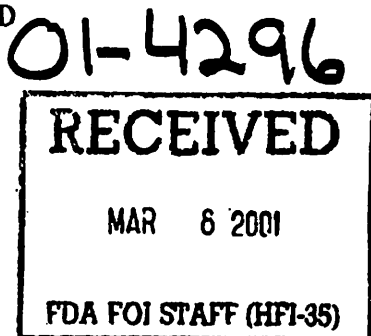




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November 13, 2000

Office of Information Systems
Enterprise Data Group
Room N2-20-16
7500 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD. 21244



SECOND REQUEST

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552.)

I write to request a copy of: 1) all material (including drafts) in whatever form utilized or developed by the consultants engaged by the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") and employees of the CDC and its consultants, to conduct the Review of Vaccine Safety Datalink Information on Thimerosal-Containing Vaccines, dated June 7-8, 2000 and presented by Paul A. Stehr-Green, Dr. P.H., M.P.H. to the ACIP committee convened in Atlanta, Georgia on June 21, 2000; 2) all material (including drafts) in whatever form utilized or developed by CDC and FDA personnel, including but not limited to Roger Bernier, Ph.D., regarding the use of thimerosal as a preservative in vaccinations from April 1, 1999 to present; and 3) full transcript of the ACIP meeting held June 21, 2000 in Atlanta, GA.

If the requested records are not in the possession of your agency, I ask that you forward this request to any agency that you believe may have records that are responsive to this request. In the alternative, I ask that you inform me of other agencies that might have such records.

As you know, the FOIA provides that even if some requested material is properly exempt from mandatory disclosure, all segregable portions must be released [5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)]. If all material covered by this request is withheld, please inform me of the specific exemptions that are being claimed.

If the requested material is released with deletions, I ask that each deletion be marked to indicate the exemption(s) being claimed to authorize each particular withholding.

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interest. ~~any exemption but where withholding would serve no important public~~

Finally, as I am sure you are aware, the FOIA provides that search fees are to be



In addition, I ask that your agency exercise its discretion to release information that may be technically exempt but where withholding would serve no important public interest

Finally, as I am sure you are aware, the FOIA provides that search fees are to be waived - even before the requested documents are located and reviewed for possible exemptions - if the prospective release of any such material could be expected to benefit the public. See, Eudley v. CIA, 478 F Supp. 1175 (D.D.C. 1979). I request that you waive these fees because "furnishing this information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." 5. U.S.C. Section 552(a)(4)(A). The release of this information would benefit the public because thimerosal containing vaccines have been associated with neurodevelopmental disorders including autism. See Bernard et al. Autism: A Unique Type of Mercury Poisoning. Autism is now an epidemic, affecting 1 in 250 children See, CDC Brick Township Report, April 2000. Our not for profit group, SAFE MINDs is actively pursuing the connection between thimerosal containing vaccines and neurodevelopmental disorders including autism with independent researchers. All information that SAFE MINDs receives is available for public use at our website www.safeminds.org. The release of this information would not result in financial benefit to me.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the above number. I would be happy to discuss ways in which this request could be clarified or somewhat redesigned to reflect the agency's filing system and speed the search for records.

As provided under the FOIA, I will expect a reply within 10 working days.

Sincerely,

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cc: Congressman Dan Burton
Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth-Hage