

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA, CENTRAL DIVISION

VICTOR HERBERT, M.D., J.D.,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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 THE AMERICAN QUACK ASSOCIATION,)
 et al.,)
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 Defendants.)
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DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL LEON CULBERT
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a.m., before Lisa Costantino, Certified Shorthand Reporter
in and for the State of California.

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1 San Diego, California, Thursday, August 16, 1990, 9:00 a.m.

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MICHAEL LEON CULBERT,

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having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

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BY MR. BOTTS:

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Q. Would you please state your full name for the

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record, please.

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A. Michael Leon Culbert.

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Q. And where do you reside, Mr. Culbert?

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A. At the 56 Caracas Street, Del Prado, Tijuana, BC,

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Mexico.

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Q. And are you employed?

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A. I'm a consultant to several different organizations

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and I'm a free-lance writer.

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Q. Who do you consult for?

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A. The Bradford Research Institute, American Biologics,

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American Biologics - Mexico SA Medical Center, Committee for

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Freedom of Choice in Medicine.

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Q. You have got to make sure she differentiates, if

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they're several different organizations.

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A. Yes, these are.

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Q. Could you break them down?

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A. Yes. Bradford Research Institute, American

1 Biologics, American Biologics - Mexico SA Medical Center and
2 The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine,
3 Incorporated.

4 Q. Are there any other organizations that you receive
5 any compensation from?

6 A. No, not on any regular basis. I do free-lance
7 writing but I'm not working for any other groups.

8 Q. And do you have any business offices for those
9 organizations that you cited as a consultant, or do you have
10 an office for your business?

11 A. My primary office would be where I received the
12 subpena at 1180 Walnut in Chula Vista.

13 Q. And what office is located there?

14 A. That's the primary office of American Biologics
15 which is a company.

16 Q. Is that also the office of The Committee for Freedom
17 of Choice in Medicine?

18 A. It's the same name for The Committee for Freedom of
19 Choice of Medicine. It's the U.S. representative office for
20 American Biologics in Mexico.

21 Q. Are there any other businesses operated out of that
22 address?

23 A. Not businesses. Choice Metabolics, I guess, is
24 still a business that would be operated out of there.

25 Q. What is Choice Metabolics?

1 A. Choice Metabolics sells vitamins, minerals, health
2 food products.

3 Q. When you were served the subpoena, it had an
4 attachment for requesting specific documents. Did you bring
5 with you any documents?

6 A. I have some documents, yes.

7 Q. Could you identify briefly those documents?

8 A. All right. First off since the subpoena says things
9 that I have in my possession or control, a lot of these
10 things I don't have in my possession or control. What I do
11 have is a copy of every Choice magazine since 1980.

12 I also have -- there was a request for documents
13 relating to Victor Herbert which are in the nature of
14 clippings and things from newspapers, magazines so I have
15 those.

16 I also have statements prepared by The Committee for
17 Freedom of Choice in Medicine from 1980 to the present time.
18 As to anything else about the committee, cancelled checks or
19 minutes or any of those things, I don't really have anything
20 to do with that and I don't have that, so none of that is
21 possible.

22 Now all these various people and groups listed
23 here --

24 Q. Under request 11?

25 A. Under 11, right. I don't have notes or anything of

1 that nature. The only thing I would have and did not bring
2 is from the Cancer Control Society, announcement of their
3 convention coming up September 1. I have nothing else from
4 any of these people. And also there's no such thing as
5 Bradford Trust so I naturally have nothing from that.

6 Q. Under request No. 12?

7 A. Under 12.

8 So that's what -- I have three sets of documents.

9 Q. Okay. Is your attorney Miss Prince?

10 A. She is not my attorney. She is just a witness.

11 Q. Oh, she is not an attorney?

12 A. No, she isn't.

13 Q. So you're not represented by an attorney at this
14 time?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Is Tom Nelson or the law firm of Popham and Haik, et
17 al., your attorneys at the present time?

18 A. They still are to the extent that I'm still part of
19 this case which is somewhat vague to me. They are the
20 attorneys in this matter.

21 Q. And was it your choice to not have them represent
22 you at this time?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What I suggest is we go off the record and I'd like
25 to take a little time and go through the documents and then

1 I'll probably be asking you some questions about them.

2 A. Yes.

3 (Recess)

4 MR. BOTTS: We're back on the record.

5 Q. Mr. Culbert, you've produced a number of documents.
6 Are these copies for me?

7 A. Yes. Of course, we'd love you to buy The Choice
8 magazine but it's not necessary.

9 MR. BOTTS: Just so the record is clear,
10 Miss Prince, would you identify -- state and spell your name
11 so we know who was here.

12 MS. PRINCE: My state?

13 MR. BOTTS: No, state your name.

14 MS. PRINCE: Patricia Prince, P-a-t-r-i-c-i-a,
15 Prince, P-r-i-n-c-e.

16 MR. BOTTS: And you're here as a witness, I
17 understand, at the request of Mr. Culbert?

18 MS. PRINCE: Yes, at the request of Mr. Culbert.

19 MR. BOTTS: Are you associated with The Committee
20 for Freedom of Choice or Choice Metabolics or the hospital?

21 MS. PRINCE: I've done some consulting for American
22 Biologics Hospital. I'm a cancer patient myself, and I've
23 done some lectures to the patients on stress management.

24 MR. BOTTS: Are you -- just one last question, do
25 you reside -- or where do you reside?

1 MS. PRINCE: 2130 de la Grieta, G-r-i-e-t-a, Playas,
2 P-l-a-y-a-s de Tijuana, Mexico.

3 MR. BOTTS: Thank you.

4 Q. Mr. Culbert, does The Committee for Freedom of
5 Choice have an executive committee?

6 A. No, as far as I know it doesn't.

7 Q. If I refer to The Committee for Freedom of Choice in
8 Medicine, Inc., simply as "Choice," will you understand what
9 I mean?

10 A. Yes, as distinct from its publication Choice.

11 Q. Right, I'll specifically refer to that as "The
12 Choice" or something like that or "the publication."

13 Does The Choice or does Choice have a board of
14 governors?

15 A. No, it has a board of directors.

16 Q. Board of directors.

17 And who is on the board of directors?

18 A. As stated in The Choice, it's Robert Bradford, Carol
19 Bradford, Dr. -- I'm on the board, Rodrigo Rodriguez is on
20 the board. Dr. Halstead is the other vice president. So
21 those are the people on the board.

22 Q. And who are the officers of Choice?

23 A. Bradford is the president.

24 Q. Robert Bradford?

25 A. Robert Bradford. Carol Bradford is the

1 secretary-treasurer, and they're the only actual officers.

2 Q. Are you at this time a chairman of the board?

3 A. I have the title of chairman of the board but my
4 real duty is editor of The Choice.

5 Q. Could you explain the distinction between just
6 having the title of chairman of the board --

7 A. Well, it's -- I suppose it would be classed as an
8 honorary title because I don't do anything with it. When
9 I'm giving public statements or appearing at seminars or
10 conventions, I'm maybe identified as chairman of the board
11 or as editor of The Choice, but I do not call meetings or do
12 anything like that.

13 Q. Are you a member -- well, let me back up.

14 The board of directors, do they produce minutes of
15 their meetings?

16 A. They have to have an annual meeting every year which
17 they have.

18 Q. Do they produce minutes?

19 A. Well, they take minutes of the meetings, yes.

20 Q. And you were subpoenaed to produce those documents.

21 I didn't see them.

22 A. No, I don't have any of the -- I don't have any. I
23 do not possess or control minutes or anything that
24 financially relates to the committee.

25 Q. Who does?

1 A. The secretary-treasurer.

2 Q. And who is that?

3 A. Carol Bradford.

4 Q. The subpoena was issued to you as a representative of
5 The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine and the
6 intent of that was to subpoena the records from the
7 organization.

8 A. What I have under my possession or control is
9 exactly what I brought.

10 Q. The subpoena applies to the corporation, though, not
11 necessarily to you personally, what you have in your files
12 or whatever, so those records need to be produced by you at
13 this deposition.

14 A. Well, there's -- how? It shouldn't take longer than
15 30 years to do that. There's no way to produce things I
16 don't have.

17 Q. Maybe you don't understand the point I'm trying to
18 make here. This subpoena that was issued to you was to you
19 as a representative of the corporation, not to you
20 personally. So the documents to be produced are anything in
21 possession of the corporation.

22 A. Well, all right. This certainly was not specified
23 to me. It says you are commanded to bring and review the
24 following: All documents or objects in your possession or
25 control, which I have attempted to do.

1 Q. Did you consult with an attorney at all after you
2 received this subpoena?

3 A. I have consulted with Mr. Nelson.

4 Q. Did he instruct you to only bring those documents in
5 your personal possession?

6 A. We -- this really touches on attorney-client
7 matters. All I could do was respond the best way I knew how
8 to the subpoena which I've done.

9 Q. Was it your understanding from the subpoena that you
10 were to only produce those documents in your personal
11 possession?

12 A. In my possession and control, yes.

13 Q. And when you consulted with your attorney, I take it
14 then that you were not informed that this was for all
15 documents for the corporation?

16 A. That was certainly not my understanding.

17 Q. All right. For the record, for your information
18 we've gone to a great deal of expense both to have you
19 served, to produce the subpoena, have it filed in court out
20 here, come out here to take this deposition and the subpoena
21 is to the corporation through you, so according to the
22 subpoena, you are responsible to produce those records even
23 if it involves going through the corporation files. It is
24 not a subpoena to you directly.

25 May I see your front page?

1 I see you have a copy of the subpoena in front of
2 you. The address under the Section 2 states, quote,
3 Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc., by Michael
4 Culbert or other designated representative.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And the attachment states to, quote, Michael Culbert
7 as representative of The Committee for Freedom of Choice in
8 Medicine, Inc., and the intent of that was to subpoena
9 records from the organization. So I'm going to go down the
10 list of documents and ask you if those records are in the
11 possession of the corporation. They just weren't produced
12 by you because they weren't in your possession?

13 A. Well, I may simply not know the answer to many of
14 these things.

15 Q. Again, this subpoena was to the corporation, the
16 organization and not to you.

17 There are financial records I assume of the
18 organization?

19 A. I assume there are financial records, yes.

20 Q. Well, first of all, let me back up to request No. 2,
21 the board of directors minutes, you said those are in the
22 possession of Carol Bradford?

23 A. If they're in anybody's possession, they're in her
24 possession as a secretary of the corporation.

25 Q. Where does Carol Bradford reside?

1 A. She resides in San Diego County. I don't have her
2 address. She has a ranch in San Diego County.

3 Q. The financial records, do you know where they are
4 located?

5 A. I don't know. I assume they're at the office in
6 Chula Vista but I don't know.

7 Q. What is your position or I mean as far as running
8 the offices, is there someone who is in charge of the office
9 in Chula Vista?

10 A. The office involves several entities so there's no
11 one person overseeing all of these entities.

12 Q. Who is in charge of The Committee for Freedom of
13 Choice in Medicine?

14 A. As far as records?

15 Q. As far as running the office.

16 A. Well, since it is an office, per se, I would have to
17 say our secretary-treasurer is.

18 Q. Carol Bradford?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. After you received this subpoena, did you bring it to
21 the attention of Carol Bradford?

22 A. I brought it -- we did discuss this, yes.

23 Q. Did you discuss it with Robert Bradford?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did you discuss it with anyone else?

1 A. Well, other than Attorney Nelson.

2 Q. No one other than those individuals and your
3 attorney?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. There are -- in reference to Item 4, there are, I
6 assume, cancelled checks for the organization?

7 A. I assume there are.

8 Q. Does the organization have a checking account, to
9 your knowledge?

10 A. It does. I mean they write checks so they must have
11 a checking account.

12 Q. Do you know where those documents are located?

13 A. No. I assume they're also at the office at 1180
14 Walnut.

15 Q. The phone bills, would they also be located at the
16 office on Walnut?

17 A. I assume they would, yes.

18 Q. Do you know whether Choice has filed applications
19 for the solicitation of funds with states other than
20 California?

21 A. To the best of my knowledge, it has never done
22 anything like that.

23 Q. To your knowledge, has it, Choice, filed to do
24 business as a foreign corporation in any state other than
25 California?

1 A. No, to the best of my knowledge, it has not.

2 Q. You have produced articles of corporation and
3 bylaws; is that correct?

4 A. No. I think what's in there is because I had it in
5 my Choice file. When The Committee for Freedom of Choice in
6 Cancer Therapy changed its name to The Committee for Freedom
7 of Choice in Medicine, we filed that in Sacramento and I
8 believe that's one of the documents you have.

9 Q. For the record, I have a certificate of amendment of
10 articles of incorporation dated November 14th, 1986.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And a copy of a statement by domestic nonprofit
13 corporation --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- dated December 13th, 1989; is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are there any other documents that you were just
18 referring to?

19 A. Not that I have. There may be other documents but
20 those are what I had.

21 Q. Does Choice sell any books or products?

22 A. We list in the magazine our reading and visual --
23 the things that we have available for sale and they are in
24 the nature of books or videos or film strips.

25 Q. Has Choice, to your knowledge, ever sold a book "The

1 Great Medical Monopoly Wars"?

2 A. No. I was intrigued by the question so I
3 judiciously went through every single one to see if we ever
4 stocked or sold that book and the answer is no.

5 Q. Have you yourself ever read the book?

6 A. I've read the book.

7 Q. Did you purchase the book?

8 A. I don't think I purchased the book.

9 Q. Did someone give it to you?

10 A. It would have been sent to me. Many, many things
11 are sent to me to look at.

12 Q. And who sent it to you?

13 A. I'm not sure who sent it to me. It probably was
14 Excalibur Research and Lisa but I don't honestly recall.

15 Q. No. I request correspondence or documents sent to
16 or received from a number of individuals and you.

17 A. I just simply don't -- some of these people I don't
18 know and I don't have. Some of these people I haven't
19 talked to in years so I don't have things like that.

20 Q. When I ask a question, because she's trying to take
21 everything down, let me finish the question and then state
22 your answer and we'll have a better record.

23 Regarding Kurt Donsbach, have you ever written to
24 Kurt Donsbach or received anything from him?

25 A. Can't think of ever having written anything to Kurt

1 Donsbach or having anything sent to me with his name on it
2 to me. I mean it could have taken place but I certainly
3 don't recall. And I have talked to Kurt Donsbach at
4 conventions, by telephone on rare occasions but I have very
5 little contact with him.

6 Q. What about the International Institute of Natural
7 Health Sciences?

8 A. That is totally unknown to me, so I have nothing
9 from them.

10 Q. Frank Wiewel?

11 A. I talked probably once a month by telephone to Frank
12 Wiewel particularly on our OTA matter that we're all
13 collaborating on.

14 Q. Have you ever sent him a letter or received a letter
15 from him or any documents?

16 A. Oh, I'm sure in the course of -- there was printed
17 material from his group. I have a brochure from People
18 Against Cancer, I guess, if that's a document, but otherwise
19 I don't have correspondence with him that I'm aware of.

20 Q. Have you produced that document today?

21 A. I don't have a brochure from People Against Cancer.

22 Q. You did not bring it with you?

23 A. I did not bring -- I don't think I did.

24 Q. What about with Denise Wiewel?

25 A. No, I don't have any contact with her.

1 Q. The IAT Patients Association?

2 A. Yes, over the years I've certainly had
3 communications from them. I simply don't retain these
4 things. As an editor, I am loaded with all kinds of things
5 and I don't retain anything like that but I certainly have
6 received things from them.

7 Q. Have you sent letters to them?

8 A. I have -- to the best of my memory, I have sent some
9 letters to them.

10 Q. Do you keep copies of the letters you send?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Is it that you don't keep copies of any letters that
13 you send?

14 A. I rarely keep copies of letters I send.

15 Q. What about the organization the Coalition?

16 A. I don't have any documents or any correspondence
17 with this group which, as far as I know, doesn't really
18 exist at this point.

19 Q. Was that organization known as the Coalition, did it
20 have a longer name? Are you aware of that?

21 A. Well, I'm not really sure. There was an effort made
22 several years ago for several groups to join together in a
23 more organized way in the matter of the OTA report, and I
24 believe that the name that evolved informally from this
25 attempt was the Coalition. It may have had longer names.

1 Q. The Coalition for the Evaluation for Alternative
2 Therapy?

3 A. That could very well have been it.

4 Q. Did you participate in any Coalition meetings?

5 A. I have participated in an informative meeting with
6 this group in Mexico and I believe one in Florida.

7 Q. What about the convention held in Washington?

8 A. Which convention?

9 Q. For the meeting of the Coalition in Washington.

10 A. For the Kennedy Center? We did have an event at the
11 Kennedy Center in which organizations that were involved
12 with the OTA group were sponsors of that event.

13 Q. Who were the organizers of the Coalition?

14 A. Well, let's see, to the extent that there really was
15 a Coalition, I think the primary moving force in attempting
16 to structure the Coalition was Curry Hutchinson who is now
17 deceased.

18 Q. Was Frank Wiewel?

19 A. Frank Wiewel was involved for the IAT Patients
20 Association. I know he was interested in this.

21 Q. Was he not the organizer and founder of the
22 organization the Coalition?

23 A. Well, I don't believe that it's relevant to say that
24 it was ever really founded. I know that it was talked
25 about, and I was much more in contact with Curry Hutchinson

1 who was being treated down in Mexico so to say the number
2 one person was Curry Hutchinson. I know Wiewel was
3 involved. I don't know how deeply or I don't think this
4 ever reached the status of being a real organization.

5 Q. By "real organization," what do you mean?

6 A. Having elected boards of directors or members or an
7 office or anything like that.

8 Q. Was Choice ever a member of the Coalition?

9 A. No. From the beginning of discussions about
10 coalitions and alliances, our position was that several
11 organizations might converge on a given issue, but we wished
12 not to set up a whole other organization so only to the
13 extent that we took part in a meeting in Tijuana and one in
14 Florida and the Kennedy Center meeting in Washington which
15 was really on the OTA matter, that was our participation.

16 Q. And to your knowledge, are there any documents
17 presently in the possession of Choice regarding the
18 Coalition?

19 A. To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing about
20 the Coalition that Choice has.

21 Q. Have you made any search of the records for
22 documents for the Coalition?

23 A. Yes. I have some of my own files and I tried to
24 look for various things and there's nothing about the
25 Coalition.

1 Q. Did you search The Choice files, the organization
2 files?

3 A. Semantically the only files that relate to The
4 Choice are the ones that I have as an editor. There are
5 many files of all kinds of groups and things, but the ones
6 that I have do not reflect anything from the Coalition.

7 Q. What about the organization People Against Cancer?

8 A. Well, that's apparently the successor to the IAT
9 Patients Association so I say I do have a brochure from that
10 organization which I can produce. I did not produce it.
11 The only thing I have in print would be that brochure.

12 Q. Are you familiar with the organization People
13 Against Cancer of Otho, Iowa?

14 A. No, I'm assuming that's the same as People Against
15 Cancer.

16 Q. You appeared at a national conference against health
17 fraud in Kansas City --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- did you not?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And at that time when you were there, there was a
22 press conference held, was there not?

23 A. Yes, there was.

24 Q. And what was the organization that sponsored the
25 press conference?

1 A. I don't know. I thought The Committee for Freedom
2 of Choice was certainly one of the sponsors since they were
3 there.

4 Q. You were, in fact, the --

5 A. I was the main ringleader of that press conference.

6 Q. Do you recall that that was identified as --

7 A. It may have been -- you mean People Against Cancer?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. Yes. I honestly don't recall but it may very well
10 have been.

11 Q. How did you come to be at that meeting? Who
12 contacted you or who organized that appearance?

13 A. Well, many of the groups and organizations were
14 fully aware from Dr. Renner and the Midwest Council Against
15 Health Fraud and the National Council Against Health Fraud
16 that such a meeting was being held. It was not a secret.

17 Q. But a group of people including yourself rented a
18 room, held a press conference, formal press conference, did
19 they not?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who organized the renting of the room, notification
22 of the press, et cetera?

23 A. I certainly was involved in notifying the press.

24 Q. Along with who else?

25 A. I was the organizer of the press conference. There

1 were people there from, let's see, IACVF in Florida. There
2 was the Wiewel group. There were independent people, and
3 all I remember specifically is I sent out press releases
4 about a press conference.

5 Q. Have you produced the press releases from that
6 conference to me this morning?

7 A. I don't recall. I may have. I think our statement
8 to the health fraud conference is in there.

9 Q. Okay. There was a statement. Was that what you
10 referred to as "a release"?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In setting up the press conference, did you work
13 with Frank Wiewel?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. In advance of the conference, did you correspond
16 with Frank Wiewel?

17 A. I don't recall correspondence. Very likely we did
18 this by telephone.

19 Q. How did you come to meet Frank Wiewel?

20 A. Oh, let's see, I think the initial meeting of Frank
21 Wiewel, and I'm just trying to remember, had something to do
22 with the Burton patient group meeting in Florida. I do
23 appear at a lot of different meetings in Florida.

24 Q. By the Florida meeting, are you referring to the
25 Coalition meeting?

1 A. No. This would be IACVF. And we have a lot of
2 cancer patients there. And I'm invited to speak there quite
3 a bit. So I've known Frank since the early '80s in
4 relationship to the Burton treatment in the Bahamas. The
5 time and date and place of first meeting him I can't really
6 recall.

7 Q. Do you have any correspondence -- by "you," I'm
8 referring to the organization Choice, correspondence with
9 Catherine Frompovich or CANAH?

10 A. Yes. Catherine Frompovich incidentally gets out a
11 lot of letters and things so I've had many, many letters
12 from Catherine Frompovich. And the only reason I can't
13 produce them, like so many other things, I just don't keep
14 them. If I use something in The Choice magazine, quoting
15 them, they are kept long enough for me to use them in the
16 magazine but I don't have a stack of communications from
17 CANAH.

18 Q. What about in the files of Choice, do they keep
19 their correspondence?

20 A. I doubt if they would have any reason to have any of
21 this but I don't know.

22 Q. What are your duties at the office of Choice?

23 A. Well, the only -- again, the only thing I do for
24 Choice is edit The Choice magazine and/or appear for the
25 committee at conferences around the country.

1 Q. How many employees does Choice have at that office
2 on Walnut?

3 A. There would be no specific employee of Choice.

4 Q. So any work that's done there is done by you; is
5 that correct?

6 A. Any work that's done relative to The Choice magazine
7 is done by me.

8 Q. Is there any work done relative to The Committee for
9 Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc., that's done at that
10 office?

11 A. If people send in subscriptions for the magazine or
12 those things, it can be processed. It is processed by other
13 office personnel who are processing things for other
14 entities.

15 Q. So part of their job or their arrangement is to
16 handle matters for The Committee for Freedom of Choice?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And that that Choice is the publication?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What other individuals, and by that I mean their
21 names, are employed at that office at that address?

22 A. There's all kinds of employees from other entities
23 employed there.

24 Q. Is there a person who is in charge of activities of
25 American Biologics?

1 A. Well, the chief executive officer of American
2 Biologics is Carol Bradford.

3 Q. And does she appear at the office on a routine
4 basis?

5 A. Well, I'm not sure the meaning of "the routine" but
6 she is frequently at the office.

7 Q. Does she handle the business matters of American
8 Biologics?

9 A. She is the primary financial officer of American
10 Biologics.

11 Q. When letters come in and routine business for
12 American Biologics, does she handle it or does she have
13 someone who assists her?

14 A. Well, it would be under her dominion because she is
15 the executive officer.

16 Q. Is there an office manager, any sort of responsible
17 individual at that office who handles matters for American
18 Biologics?

19 A. No, again the source of the organization there is
20 Carol Bradford.

21 Q. Are there any employees of American Biologics
22 located at that office?

23 A. There are many different employees of American
24 Biologics there.

25 Q. What are their names?

1 A. Well, you know, I'm trying to corroborate here the
2 relevance of this in Herbert's court case. It seems to me
3 very vague. I would hate to get into names of people at
4 that office. The responsible executive officer there is
5 Carol Bradford.

6 Q. I understand that and I've asked you the names of
7 other individuals who work at that office, employees of
8 American Biologics.

9 A. Well, I'm declining that because I can't see the
10 relevance of that.

11 Q. Because you don't have an attorney here, it's only
12 fair to warn you that if you refuse to answer a question, I
13 will take that to the court and ask the court to order you
14 to answer that question.

15 A. I will happily order -- I will happily answer any
16 questions a court orders me to answer.

17 Q. In addition to simply getting an order, you may also
18 get a fine. And at that time you may be subject to contempt
19 of court which means a fine and jail time. So I just want
20 to caution you, if you think that simply refusing to answer
21 doesn't bear any penalties --

22 A. I'm not saying it doesn't bear penalty. I'm saying
23 being here per se, I just can't see the relevance of
24 employees in the office.

25 Q. My other direction to you is that whether you see a

1 relevance or not, the court has authorized a subpoena for you
2 to be here and answer questions fully, honestly and openly
3 and by far your best. If you question the relevancy, that's
4 fine. And if you want, you can even state an objection on
5 your own behalf and the answer will be received, subject to
6 that objection.

7 A. All right. May we get into a semantical thing here,
8 the meaning of the word "employee."

9 Q. Anyone who is paid by American Biologics for work
10 they do for American Biologics. And I asked employees at
11 that office in any capacity.

12 A. Well, first off, I don't know the names of everybody
13 who comes and goes from the office. I mean I just don't
14 have an employee roster because I'm not there all the time
15 either.

16 Q. Do you know the names of anyone?

17 A. Yes. Again, the executive director is Carol
18 Bradford, and I don't even know the name of our
19 receptionist.

20 MS. PRINCE: I know her first name but I don't know
21 her last name.

22 A. Trisha is our receptionist.

23 MS. PRINCE: I don't know who is paid by the
24 different companies.

25 A. There's so many entities there, it's hard to say who

1 is paid by whom to do what.

2 BY MR. BOTTS:

3 Q. Okay. Then I'll have to do it the long way. Anyone
4 who works at the office who is employed by any entity. I'll
5 ask you the name of everyone you can think of who is
6 employed by any entity at that office.

7 A. Well, Janet Mattos who is employed in kind of a
8 secretarial capacity in the office full time.

9 Q. Can you spell her last name?

10 A. M-a-t-t-o-s.

11 Q. And do you know what she does? Is she a secretary?
12 Do you have any idea who she works for?

13 A. She works primarily for American Biologics - Mexico
14 SA as a representative in the U.S.A. of that hospital.

15 Q. Are you also designated as a representative, U.S.
16 representative of American Biologics SA?

17 A. I'm designated as a spokesman for the hospital.

18 Q. There was a book published by John Fink entitled
19 "Third Opinion."

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I believe in that book it identifies you as the
22 U.S. contact person for American Biologics SA.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Are you saying that was not accurate?

25 A. No, that is accurate. I am a U.S. contact person

1 for that hospital.

2 Q. Are there any other duties that you can remember for
3 that one, Janet?

4 A. I don't know all of her duties. I just don't get
5 into who is doing what in that office.

6 Q. Does she do any work for you at this time?

7 A. No.

8 Q. What other employees at that address -- what are the
9 names of employees?

10 A. Well, you know, I may be dragged off to the
11 calaboose, but I'm just not getting into these people's
12 names because I don't know all of them, nor do I know what
13 they all do.

14 Q. And I understand your objection to be on the basis
15 of relevance; is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Again, I'm not asking for all of them. I'm not
18 insisting that you be 100 percent accurate in naming all of
19 them. My reason for asking is I may very well subpoena them
20 and take their deposition regarding their activities, and as
21 the Federal Rules of discovery are interpreted, they're
22 interpreted very liberally, discovery of any matter which
23 may lead to admissible evidence. So in this case although
24 the name of an employee at that office may not be directly
25 relevant to the case, that person may have relevant

1 information that I have a right to seek from that person or
2 down the line so just to clarify the record, approximately
3 how many employees are there at that office?

4 A. People who work part time?

5 Q. For any organization full or part time.

6 A. I'm assuming 15 or 16 people are in there.

7 Q. And is it your testimony that you do recall the
8 names of some other individuals but you're declining to
9 testify to those names?

10 A. Yes, on the relevance issue, yes.

11 Q. Are there files, physical files of The Committee for
12 Freedom of Choice in Medicine located at that address,
13 filing cabinets or some sort of filing system?

14 A. As far as I know there are. There are certainly
15 some records there.

16 Q. And do you keep those files or have any access to
17 those files?

18 A. No. Again, I keep files that relate to The Choice,
19 what I do with The Choice.

20 Q. Do you keep those files at that address?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you have an office at that address?

23 A. The office space that is there for me is regarded as
24 the office of The Committee for Freedom of Choice in
25 Medicine.

1 Q. So you have a desk there?

2 A. I have a desk there. I have to point out here that
3 my primary contribution at 1180 Walnut is as a spokesman for
4 the hospital so most of what I'm doing at that office
5 relates to the hospital.

6 Q. These organizations that you cited -- American
7 Biologics, American Biologics --

8 A. In Mexico.

9 Q. -- Mexico SA, is there another organization just
10 American Biologics, Mexico?

11 A. It's called -- it's a Mexican organization, American
12 Biologics - Mexico SA Medical Center.

13 Q. And Choice Metabolics?

14 A. Choice Metabolics.

15 Q. And The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine,
16 Inc.?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Are those organizations all owned or operated by
19 Robert or Carol Bradford?

20 A. The American Biologics - Mexico SA is not controlled
21 by the Bradfords. The primary executive is Rodrigo
22 Rodriguez.

23 Q. And is he a Mexican national?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Does he function as a doctor at the hospital?

1 A. He does, he's a medical director.

2 Q. So is it your understanding that the Bradfords are
3 employees of the hospital in Mexico?

4 A. They are involved with him corporately in the
5 Mexican corporation.

6 Q. Do you know whether they have an ownership interest
7 of any sort?

8 A. They do. I'm not aware of the extent of it but they
9 do have one.

10 Q. Specifically with regards to The Committee for
11 Freedom of Choice in Medicine, you previously testified that
12 Robert Bradford is the president and Carol Bradford is the
13 secretary-treasurer; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. With regards to The Choice, that is, as I understand
16 it, the official publication of The Committee Against
17 Freedom of Choice; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Does it have any sort of independent standing from
20 the organization Choice?

21 A. Does the magazine have?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. Independent status, no.

24 Q. The organization Choice Metabolics, do Robert or
25 Carol Bradford have any ownership interest in that

1 organization?

2 A. As far as I know, they do. I don't know again who
3 owns what or how much it is.

4 Q. It appears to be a fairly close relationship between
5 Choice Metabolics and the organization Choice based on the
6 appearance of its ads in The Choice.

7 A. Yes, yes, there is a close relationship.

8 Q. Does Choice Metabolics purchase advertising space in
9 The Choice? Do you bill them for the ad space that's used?

10 A. From time to time they're billed for ads. Sometimes
11 it just goes in. Sometimes they're picking up part of the
12 printing bill of The Choice magazine.

13 Q. And who pays for the printing bill of Choice
14 magazine?

15 A. That usually comes out of The Committee for Freedom
16 of Choice in Medicine if, in fact, there's enough money to
17 cover it.

18 Q. If there's not, who pays the printing bill?

19 A. Well, it can be any of the other entities. Normally
20 there is enough money in the committee to do just that.

21 Q. Has it in the past been paid for by Choice
22 Metabolics?

23 A. I'm not aware of Choice -- I'm not aware of who puts
24 money into the bank to pay for The Choice.

25 Q. Who handles that matter, those matters?

1 A. Well, again, secretary-treasurer is Carol Bradford.

2 Q. What is the association between the organization
3 Choice and the Cancer Control Society?

4 A. There is no -- I mean we're friendly but we don't
5 have any commercial or other mechanics.

6 Q. Is there or do you correspond or have you ever
7 corresponded with Lorraine Rosenthal or anyone at the
8 Cancer Control Society?

9 A. By telephone, yes, for the simple reason that I
10 usually appear at their conferences every year.

11 Q. And with regards to the National Health Federation,
12 do you correspond with them?

13 A. I have not been in touch with the NHF per se for
14 many, many years.

15 Q. You say "NHF per se," are there individuals of
16 NHF --

17 A. Yes, I have been invited to speak to some chapter of
18 the Natural Health Federation in the last few years.

19 Q. Recently have you been invited?

20 A. Well, what would be "recently"? I haven't --

21 Q. When was the last one?

22 A. Two years ago.

23 Q. Mr. John Fink, are you familiar with Mr. Fink?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And when he published his book "Third Opinion," were

1 you aware of the information about American Biologics SA
2 that was published in that book?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Were you consulted before it was published?

5 A. Yes, I was a consultant.

6 Q. Do you correspond or have you corresponded with
7 Marie Steinmeyer or the International Association of Cancer
8 of Victors and Friends?

9 A. Yes, I have certainly been in touch with them.

10 Q. Is that on a regular basis?

11 A. Oh, I suppose I'm on the phone with Marie Steinmeyer
12 once a month for one thing or another.

13 Q. Do you correspond with Clinton Miller?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Have you ever written or called Clinton Miller?

16 A. Oh, I'm sure I've talked to him on the phone and
17 seen him in person.

18 Q. What about Bonnie Miller his wife?

19 A. No, I met her one time.

20 Q. Do you correspond or have you corresponded with
21 anyone at Project Cure?

22 A. Project Cure, as I understand it, is now Michael
23 Evers group. In the early days of Project Cure I was in
24 touch with Bob DeBragga quite a bit. I interviewed him. We
25 wrote a story about Project Cure in Choice but I have not

1 talked to DeBragga again for several years.

2 Q. Do you have any documents received from or sent to
3 him?

4 A. No. I mean I did years ago but I don't now.

5 Q. And Michael Evers, do you correspond with him?

6 A. I don't correspond. From time to time I talk to him
7 on the phone.

8 Q. To your knowledge have you ever sent anything to or
9 received anything from Michael Evers?

10 A. Oh, I'm sure that I have, yeah. I don't know what
11 and when but we've been in touch back and forth over the
12 years.

13 Q. Were you in contact or communication with Michael
14 Evers regarding Dr. Victor Herbert?

15 A. Well, only after we all got served these subpoenas.

16 Q. Did you not communicate with him in relation to the
17 charges brought against Dr. Herbert in Iowa?

18 A. Well, let's see, I don't recall all the people I
19 talked to. I've talked to Evers about a lot of things and
20 Victor Herbert there was very well known so -- although I
21 can't cite a time, a place and date, I'm sure that I must
22 have talked to him and then in the conversation this would
23 have come up.

24 Q. You're familiar, are you not, with the charges
25 brought at the behest of Frank Wiewel against Dr. Herbert in

1 Iowa?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How did you find out about those charges being
4 brought?

5 A. Well, let's see, it was in the news media to start
6 with. Now the first thing that I heard -- I don't recall
7 what it was, whether it was from Wiewel himself or whether
8 it was the news media or some committee subscribed or called
9 me but within a day or two almost everybody in what we think
10 of as the alternative health movement was aware of these
11 events in Iowa.

12 Q. Do you recall that that -- do you recall that it was
13 not Frank Wiewel?

14 A. Oh, I had a number of people call me about this, and
15 I don't know who all they are. We have subscribers of The
16 Choice, members call me all the time on many matters. This
17 was a well-known event.

18 Q. Are there subscribers of The Choice in Iowa?

19 A. I think when this came up we went through our
20 records and found three actual subscribers in Iowa.

21 Q. And are subscribers of The Choice members for The
22 Committee of Freedom of Choice in Medicine?

23 A. Well, we don't have members per se so we're saying
24 that in -- I suppose in an indirect way a subscription is a
25 membership, but they're really subscribers to a magazine not

1 members in a committee.

2 Q. Do you send any copies of The Choice to individuals
3 gratis? I mean do you send copies out to the press and
4 political persons?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q. And I've asked for a copy of the membership list, I
7 believe of membership records, Item 21.

8 A. Well, again, since we don't have members, I didn't
9 really know how to respond to that. The old committee for
10 Freedom of Choice in Cancer Therapy which was the group that
11 preceded the current organization did, in fact, in the '70s
12 have actual members and membership cards but we're not doing
13 that.

14 Q. So is it your testimony now that membership is
15 now -- there aren't members but basically it's anyone who
16 subscribes to the magazine?

17 A. Yes, yes. We can fiddle over the word "members,"
18 but the supporters of The Committee of Freedom of Choice in
19 Medicine are subscribers to The Choice.

20 Q. Are there sources of income to The Committee for
21 Freedom of Choice in addition to subscription fees, dues,
22 subscription fees for The Choice magazine?

23 A. As far as I know, the only way the committee makes
24 any funds at all are subscriptions for The Choice or any of
25 the books or film strips it has available.

1 Q. In satisfaction of this subpoena, did you check the
2 mailing list of The Choice to find out, or did you check the
3 mailing list of The Choice?

4 A. No, I did not.

5 Q. Do you, in fact, have a mailing list that I can
6 examine to find out how many copies of The Choice are mailed
7 to Iowa?

8 A. I believe so. I didn't check that but I'm sure we
9 have a subscription list.

10 Q. You filed an affidavit in the Herbert case earlier
11 where you stated that approximately 10 -- approximately 10
12 issues of each publication were mailed into the state of
13 Iowa. Do you recall that?

14 A. I recall an affidavit about contacts between The
15 Choice and Iowa.

16 Q. Do you recall that it was the number 10?

17 A. I don't know the number. What I think I recall is
18 the actual paid subscription is a very tiny amount and we
19 may have sent some free Choices in Iowa.

20 MR. BOTTS: Will you mark that please.

21 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 1 and 2 marked)

22 BY MR. BOTTS:

23 Q. For the record because we're discussing the
24 attachment to the subpoena duces tecum, I'm introducing as
25 Exhibit 1 a copy of that attachment, which is designated at

1 the bottom as Exhibit A in reference to the subpoena, so I'm
2 submitting that as Deposition Exhibit 1 just so you know.

3 And I hand you now what's marked as Deposition
4 Exhibit 2 which purports to be a copy of your affidavit
5 submitted in the case, the Herbert case. And I'll note to
6 you that down at the bottom appears some numbers and letters
7 and that just comes from my filing that document, that is
8 not intended to be the original. So I'll give you a minute
9 to take a look at that and ask you whether, to the best of
10 your knowledge, that is an accurate copy of your affidavit.

11 A. Yes, this looks like the affidavit.

12 Q. Did you prepare that affidavit yourself?

13 A. Well, to the best of my knowledge, I did, um-hum. I
14 mean it may -- there are some things here in the
15 attorney-client thing that I really can't get into but
16 this -- I remember this document. And I remember three
17 subscribers but I could be in error. There were just so few
18 but maybe that's a possible figure.

19 Q. And you said that there were copies mailed in
20 addition to those who are subscribers; is that correct?

21 A. Well, there may have been. I'm not in charge of
22 mailing out The Choice.

23 Q. Who is in charge of mailing out The Choice?

24 A. There is a mailing company that does this.

25 Q. What company is that?

1 A. I don't have their name, but the office has the
2 name.

3 Q. You don't know the name of the company?

4 A. No. Bear in mind The Committee for Freedom of
5 Choice moved from San Francisco to San Diego in 1985. It
6 had moved from Los Altos, California, to San Francisco
7 before that and has had at various times various mailing
8 companies do the actual mail-outs. So the current mail
9 company that puts out The Choice in the mail, I honestly
10 don't know the name of that company.

11 Q. How long have they been mailing The Choice?

12 A. I believe we've had them about a year.

13 Q. Prior to that committee, who mailed The Choice?

14 A. A company in San Francisco.

15 Q. Do you recall their name?

16 A. No.

17 Q. How long have you been the editor of The Choice?

18 A. Since its inception in 1975.

19 Q. And you don't -- what do you do to prepare The
20 Choice?

21 A. I select what's going to be run in The Choice. I
22 edit the copy, I then proofread what has been printed. I
23 make sure the headlines are in place, all the editorial
24 content of The Choice is what I do.

25 Q. And who do you give a copy to?

1 A. I give it to whoever is printing The Choice. We've
2 had different printers. It is then shipped to the office
3 and that is then turned over to the mailing company. I just
4 don't remember the name of the mailing company.

5 Q. Who prints The Choice?

6 A. Our current printers are American Printing in Las
7 Vegas, Nevada.

8 Q. And how long have they been printing The Choice?

9 A. Since the last three Choices so it would be last
10 year.

11 Q. And prior to that, who printed The Choice?

12 A. Oh, let's see, we've had several. We've had San
13 Diego printers. We've had there's several companies. I
14 just don't recall them all. I'd just have to look that up.
15 I can find a whole list of them. Abbey Press in Oakland
16 printed many of our Choices for years.

17 Q. So is it your testimony that you sent it to the
18 printer who then sends it to your mailing company; is that
19 correct?

20 A. They either will send it to the offices and the
21 office sends it to the mailing company or it may go directly
22 to the mailers.

23 Q. If it comes directly to the offices, who forwards it
24 to the mailing company?

25 A. It could be any of numerous people.

1 Q. Do you?

2 A. No. Again, my single relationship with this is
3 editor of The Choice.

4 Q. Well, you testified that there are individuals who
5 are employees who would forward that to the mailing company.
6 And I believe your testimony earlier was The Committee for
7 Freedom of Choice did not have any employees other than
8 yourself.

9 A. Correct. So anyone handling The Choice would be
10 people who are doing any of numerous tasks for numerous
11 entities. We have employees in Mexico, for example, who
12 work for us part time, and they might actually have their
13 hands on the creative Choices and put them out, but they're
14 not employees of the committee.

15 Q. So employees of other organizations would be
16 expected to --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- do work for The Committee for Freedom of Choice?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Have you ever seen the mailing list for The Choice
21 magazine?

22 A. Have I ever seen? I'm sure over these 15 years I
23 have seen some mailing lists of The Choice.

24 Q. Prior to writing or signing that affidavit, did you
25 review the mailing list?

1 A. Oh, yes, yes, because I know part of one point of
2 contention, we have an office in Iowa. We're doing business
3 in Iowa. So there was need to look into the record to see
4 "Now, do we really have subscribers in Iowa?" And that was
5 the figure -- I can't remember the figure. I thought it was
6 even lower than ten.

7 Q. Does that mailing list include the people you send
8 The Choice to without charge?

9 A. No, I don't believe it does. The list that I've
10 seen over the years are paid subscriptions.

11 Q. Is Frank Wiewel a paid subscriber to The Choice?

12 A. I don't believe we've ever -- I don't believe that
13 he is a paid subscriber.

14 Q. Do you send copies of The Choice to the governor of
15 the state of Iowa?

16 A. I don't believe on a regular basis we do that. I'm
17 not sure that we ever have, but it's -- I don't have any
18 knowledge that we are sending him a copy of The Choice.

19 Q. Do you send copies to the attorney general of the
20 state of Iowa?

21 A. I'm not aware of sending copies to the attorney
22 general of Iowa.

23 Q. Do you routinely send copies to governors or
24 attorneys general of various states?

25 A. From time to time over the history of The Choice we

1 have sent The Choice routinely to some legislatures and if I
2 recall correctly, some governors.

3 Q. Do you recall having sent copies of The Choice to
4 Iowa Senator Charles Grassley?

5 A. Well, certainly I didn't send him any.

6 Q. Do you recall copies going to him?

7 A. I do not recall any copies of The Choice going to
8 Senator Grassley. I'm delighted if they got there.

9 Q. Do you recall copies going to Iowa Senator Tom
10 Harkin?

11 A. I'm not aware of any copies of The Choice going to
12 Senator Tom Harkin.

13 Q. Are you aware of copies of The Choice going to the
14 Palmer College of Chiropractic?

15 A. I'm not personally aware of that. I would not be at
16 all surprised. I'm not aware of it.

17 Q. How about copies to the Des Moines Register, a
18 newspaper?

19 A. You mean ever or --

20 Q. Do you recall ever?

21 A. I do not recall sending -- at least anything that I
22 did, sending a copy to the Des Moines Register.

23 Q. When copies are sent to individuals or organizations
24 without charge, who determines which organizations will
25 receive those?

1 A. Well, to the best of my knowledge, the things that
2 I'm interested in would be getting -- for example, where in
3 current Choice there is a group in favor of anti-vivisection
4 so we're running a story on that. I am sending them free
5 copies. It would be something that I do regularly.

6 Q. Do you yourself determine who gets the copy?

7 A. I determine who gets a copy if it's relevant to the
8 editorial the content of The Choice. Now other groups
9 around the country if they have The Choice, they might say,
10 "Gee, this senator ought to see this," or "this governor"
11 and I'm quite certain this goes on but I'm not the one who
12 does it.

13 MR. BOTTS: Let's take a small break.

14 (Recess)

15 MR. BOTTS: We're back on the record.

16 Q. Mr. Culbert, have you attended any post-high school,
17 post-secondary institutions?

18 A. Have I?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. Yes. The University of Illinois and the University
21 of Wichita in Kansas.

22 Q. And did you graduate from those institutions?

23 A. I graduated from the University of Wichita.

24 Q. And what year was that?

25 A. Oh, gee, do I have to confess that? 1960.

1 Q. What was your degree in?

2 A. Bachelor of arts.

3 Q. In what subject?

4 A. Oh, let's see, Spanish, history, psychology. Those
5 were the main things.

6 Q. And since then have you attended any post-secondary
7 institutions?

8 A. University of Illinois. I was a teaching assistant
9 there for a semester.

10 Q. And have you obtained any degrees beyond a Bachelor
11 of Arts degree?

12 A. No. I have an honorary doctorate of science from a
13 group called Medicina Alternativa.

14 Q. You may have to spell that.

15 A. M-e-d-i-c-i-n-a, A-l-t-e-r-n-a-t-i-v-a.

16 Q. And when did you obtain that degree?

17 A. 1985.

18 Q. And where are they located?

19 A. Sri Lanka.

20 Q. What was the reason that institution granted you an
21 honorary degree?

22 A. Primarily for science writing, for some of the books
23 that were published by the Bradford Research Institute.

24 Q. Has anyone ever commented to you that honorary
25 degrees usually carry that term after the degree?

1 A. Yes, they have. I think the point of interest here
2 is that administrative indigenous medicine of Sri Lanka when
3 it's issuing its degrees is the one that says you may use
4 the title DS.C after your name. So as far as they're
5 concerned, it's not honorary. As far as I'm concerned, it
6 is because I wasn't sitting there getting a degree.

7 Q. When is the last time you spoke with Peter Joseph
8 Lisa?

9 A. Peter Joseph Lisa, I'm not sure. It would be some
10 point last year.

11 Q. Do you recall what the occasion was?

12 A. Let me see, it was a telephone call and I don't
13 recall why he called or what we discussed but it would have
14 been a telephone call.

15 Q. Do you recall whether it concerned Dr. Victor
16 Herbert?

17 A. I don't believe it is. The only time we discussed
18 Herbert at all was in the early part of the case when we
19 were all served this intriguing court case and that was at a
20 meeting with attorneys, so I have had very little contact
21 with him, but years before this happened when he was writing
22 about chiropractic and things of this nature, he would call
23 up from time to time on that issue.

24 Q. Did I understand you that at one time all the
25 defendants and attorneys got together?

1 A. At one time there was a meeting of defendants and
2 attorneys.

3 Q. Was Frank Wiewel there?

4 A. Well, it seems to me this was in the order of
5 attorney-client phase.

6 Q. Well, I'm not asking you what was said, and I don't
7 intend to ask you what was said.

8 A. As far as I recall, he was there. I'm not sure of
9 all the defendants but I believe they were all there. And
10 since we were there for other things too, as I recall,
11 Wiewel was there.

12 Q. Do you recall what city that was in?

13 A. Arlington, Virginia.

14 Q. And roughly the time the suit started?

15 A. Yes. I think it was in January of '88.

16 Q. Do you know -- or how do you get ahold of Mr. Lisa,
17 if you have to get ahold of him? Do you know where he is at
18 the present time?

19 A. I don't know where he is at the present time. At
20 one time I know he resided or said he resided in Baja
21 California.

22 Q. Are you aware that he operates a children's camp or
23 a summer-type camp?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Are you aware of his connections with Alanon, the

1 organization Alanon?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Are you aware of his connections with the Church of
4 Scientology?

5 A. I know he brought up the point that he had been
6 involved with the Church of Scientology at one time.

7 Q. When you spoke with him recently, did you discuss
8 Maureen Salaman?

9 A. I don't recall the conversation. I don't think so.
10 I wouldn't have had reason.

11 Q. My reason for asking these additional questions is
12 to try to spark your memory. I'm not trying to corner you.

13 A. Okay. I'm trying to think. We've had interesting
14 things about Maureen Salaman recently but I honestly don't
15 know. I've been on the phone to a lot of people about
16 Maureen Salaman and he might have been one of them. I don't
17 recall.

18 Q. Do you know that he investigated Maureen Salaman,
19 did a formal investigation of Maureen Salaman?

20 A. No, that's intriguing to me.

21 Q. Let me ask it a different way. Is the Committee for
22 Freedom of Choice a member of the Confederation of Health
23 Organizations?

24 A. Refresh my mind about -- I looked at this thing. Is
25 this the new Donsbach-connected group?

1 Q. To the best of my knowledge it is.

2 A. We attended a convention, I think if this is the
3 group informative convention, in January and we were listed
4 with the incorrect title for Committee for Freedom of Choice
5 in Health Care, and I think they mean us but that's not our
6 group so I suppose the answer is loosely we are, but we're
7 not in any formal way. We haven't paid dues. We haven't
8 attended any board meeting or anything like that.

9 Q. Are you aware the first publication of CHO dedicated
10 itself to The Committee for Freedom of Choice?

11 A. Yes. If that's the group with my picture on the
12 page, yes, if that's it.

13 Q. The publication, I believe, is Wellness Lifestyle.

14 A. Yes. Oh, let's see now, Kupsinel's got a magazine,
15 and this new CHO has -- I'm not sure which is which but one
16 of them did do a profile on me and the committee

17 Q. Kupsinel are you saying?

18 A. He has a magazine. I can't remember what it is.

19 Q. Health Consciousness?

20 A. Yes, right.

21 Q. I believe the name of the magazine he's had for
22 quite some time.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is there one in addition to that?

25 A. No. I'm confusing -- there's so many new groups in

1 publication I can't keep them straight so Health
2 Consciousness is indeed Roy Kupsinel's publication so I know
3 this other one is Donsbach.

4 Q. Just for the record, is it your understanding that
5 Choice is a member of CHO?

6 A. I certainly do not regard Choice as a member of CHO
7 because I'm not aware that CHO still exists. They had a
8 meeting and we were there. In terms of like paying dues to
9 CHO or anything to CHO, to the best of my knowledge, we have
10 not done that.

11 Q. Would you be surprised to find the name of Choice on
12 the letterhead of CHO?

13 A. No. I think what's on there is the Committe for
14 Freedom of Choice in Health Care unless they've amended it
15 since then.

16 Q. Are you, in fact, on the advisory board of Health
17 Consciousness at the present time?

18 A. Dr. Kupsinel's magazine?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. I believe so.

21 Q. Are you on the advisory board of any other
22 publications?

23 A. I believe Bill Moore put out a group called the
24 Something Something Eclectic Medicine and he put me on the
25 board of that and it came out one time so I'm on that board.

1 I'm on a lot of nonexistent boards for some reason.

2 Q. Are you a jinx or something?

3 A. I may very well be.

4 MR. BOTTS: If we can go off the record for a
5 second.

6 (Discussion off the record)

7 MR. BOTTS: Back on the record.

8 Q. Do you have knowledge of the association between
9 Kurt Donsbach and Joe Lisa?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Any continuing relationship between the two?

12 A. No, no.

13 Q. Do you have any knowledge of his association with
14 Joe Lisa in connection with the publication of the book "The
15 Great Medical Monopoly Wars"?

16 A. No. In fact, when the book was first published, I
17 did not know till the Herbert suit that there was a
18 connection.

19 Q. You've published numerous books, have you not, or
20 written?

21 A. Several, several.

22 Q. What books are those?

23 A. All right. The first and most famous, "Vitamin B-17
24 Forbidden Weapon Against Cancer" and a rewrite of it called
25 "Freedom from Cancer" and "What the Medical Monopoly Won't

1 Tell You That Could Save Your Life."

2 Q. That's a third book?

3 A. That's, yeah, a third book. And I've written two
4 books, one monograph from the other trade paperback on AIDS,
5 those are the recent books.

6 Q. What's the title of those?

7 A. The monograph was called "AIDS: Terror, Truth and
8 Triumph" and the paperback is called "AIDS: Hopes, Hoax and
9 Hoopla." And then for the Bradford Research Institute I
10 co-authored "Oxydology, the Biochemical Basis of Life Cell
11 Therapy" and co-authorized the book on life cell therapy
12 with Dr. Kuhnuy, K-u-h-n-u-y, called "Life Cell Therapy."
13 And I co-authored the book with the late Harold Harper,
14 commercial book called "How You Can Beat the Killer
15 Diseases" and then I've done various rewrites of those
16 books.

17 Q. The book that mentioned medical monopoly, what do
18 you mean by that term?

19 A. It doesn't mention medical monopoly. You mean what
20 the medical monopoly can do?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. By that term I mean the American Medical
23 Association, state boards of the AMA and the seeming control
24 over American medicine by a single phase system --
25 allopathy, allopathic medicine.

1 Q. How does Dr. Herbert fit into your definition of
2 "medical monopoly" if, in fact, he does?

3 A. I think he is a valued and valuable spokesman for
4 what I think of as American monopoly medicine.

5 Q. I'm going to have to ask you to explain that a
6 little further.

7 A. All right. Let's see, the National Council Against
8 Health Fraud, for example, of which Herbert has been
9 certainly a spokesman and other groups, seems to have
10 defined medicine with terms that, to use Victor Herbert's --
11 some of his favorite expressions are responsible and
12 scientific and that anything that seems to be outside
13 scientific responsibility is by definition, as nearly as I
14 can gather from the works of Dr. Herbert, quakery at best,
15 criminality at worst.

16 And the spokesman for what we think of as allopathic
17 medicine, the basic philosophy of medicine pursued in the
18 U.S.A. seems to have in our view and certainly my view a
19 hermetically sealed mind, that anything that is not
20 allopathic in medicine is, in fact, quakery, unscientific
21 and irresponsible. And so I find Dr. Herbert a very -- if I
22 were in monopoly medicine, I'd certainly like Victor to be
23 my spokesman. He's very good at it.

24 Q. When he's mentioned in The Choice, would it be fair
25 to categorize it as an uncharitable light?

1 A. Well, I'd say we have on both sides it's
2 uncharitable. I was first aware of Dr. Herbert in the late
3 '70s in the Hoffbauer-Chad Green controversy and his level
4 of rhetoric was quite high at that time. And he became in
5 the '80s a very primary spokesman for or at least against
6 all of those in the alternative movement. And we certainly
7 have attached his rhetoric with our rhetoric to the point
8 where it's almost impossible to conduct a civilized
9 conversation because I'm not sure we can get down to basic
10 semantics, but yes, you can say it's an uncharitable light.

11 Q. You stated earlier that you read the Lisa book "The
12 Great Medical Monopoly War"; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And in there there are statements about Dr. Herbert
15 which are enumerated as being the basis of this suit --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- such as he had been sued, a number of specified
18 statements.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you have any knowledge that those allegations by
21 Peter Joseph Lisa are, in fact, correct?

22 A. I do not have knowledge as to the validity or lack
23 of validity of those statements.

24 Q. Have you not been shown substantiating documents
25 that Joe Lisa developed in his investigation of Dr. Herbert?

1 A. Well, the only thing that I have seen -- of course,
2 I think the point of contention is that chapter in the book
3 that relates to Dr. Herbert and Joe Lisa there is claiming
4 that these are all public documents.

5 Q. Have you not seen such as this raft of documents?

6 A. Well, let's see, this particular document does not
7 look familiar.

8 Q. You can pull the clip off if you'd like. There are
9 some --

10 A. Now sometime back, and I assume it was from Lisa,
11 this document that purportedly related to Herbert I did see
12 but I just can't remember which ones they were that looks
13 familiar. This does not look familiar.

14 Q. You're referring to a copy of the --

15 A. Of this court case.

16 Q. The case in the Supreme Court of New York, the
17 verified complaint dated March 16th, 1978?

18 A. Yes, that seems familiar.

19 Q. Are there any other documents in that stack that
20 seem familiar to you?

21 A. No, this -- well, now, this one does. It seems at
22 one point I saw a document that said "Selected Quotes Re:
23 Victor Herbert." I can't recall if this was it exactly but
24 that rings a bell.

25 Q. Could that have been a meeting with all of the

1 defendants?

2 A. Oh, I think this was well before that.

3 Q. Just in order to make the record, those documents
4 were -- there are some stamped numbers on the bottom and
5 that refers to documents produced in the Renner case and I'm
6 just going to cite them, the first one being the court case
7 with the number at the beginning -- with the number at the
8 bottom of four zeros 385; 0000385. And the second document
9 that you referred to I believe would be the document with
10 0000109.

11 A. Yeah, okay.

12 Q. Just so the record is clear.

13 So have you had an opportunity to form an opinion as
14 to whether the allegations made by Mr. Lisa about
15 Dr. Herbert in the Lisa book are true or false?

16 A. Well, it's hard to form an opinion, although Peter
17 Joseph Lisa's other book relating to chiropractic and things
18 of that nature I assumed from the last few years that I've
19 had any contact at all from Lisa or books that he is a
20 competent investigative reporter.

21 As a former newspaper editor myself, I would look
22 upon him as a probable competent reporter, but I would have
23 no way to know if all the things that he brings forth are --
24 I would not have any way to know the validity of them or
25 anything else.

1 Q. As a former newspaper editor and current editor of
2 The Choice and as you said contributing author to a number
3 of other publications, is it standard practice to check the
4 facts in a book such as "The Great Medical Monopoly Wars," a
5 book that's making serious allegations about an individual?

6 A. I think that's an intriguing question. Were I
7 working at "The L.A. Times," I cannot imagine, you know, if
8 we were deeply involved with Lisa's book without if not an
9 attempt to check some facts, at least an interview with
10 Herbert about those allegations.

11 In terms of what we sometimes think of as advocacy
12 journalism where you're taking a point of view, I don't
13 think it's incumbent for anybody, particularly a single
14 editor writer to look into all the data on every single
15 issue that's raised.

16 And in that light, I was rather bemused from a
17 journalistic point of view that Dr. Herbert was so exercised
18 about this book because the book is after all, as I recall,
19 not about Herbert. It's about the American medical
20 monopoly. It certainly has that unflattering chapter about
21 Herbert but if you're saying if a major newspaper were
22 talking about the book in great detail, they probably would
23 make some effort to check some of those facts.

24 Q. I'm interested in this concept of advocacy
25 journalism.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What do you mean by that term?

3 A. I think it's the difference between objectivity and
4 not. If a person is running -- an editor is running a daily
5 newspaper, the attempt is, whether it's achievable or not,
6 made to be either ambivalent or not take sides. And if
7 you're out there -- for example, The Committee for Freedom
8 of Choice, we absolutely do have a point of view, an
9 advocacy point of view. And we're very iron handed about
10 that, just like the other side is, and that's different.

11 Now, since I don't know Lisa very well, there is no
12 way for me to know if everything he's written either about
13 the income tax law or chiropractic or Dr. Herbert or the
14 medical monopoly -- there's just no way for me to know this
15 is all either real or not. I would be relatively amazed to
16 think that it is all not real. I wouldn't be amazed that
17 inaccuracies occur, as they may in journalism. But I was
18 just from a journalistic, nonadvisory point of view rather
19 perplexed by the nature of the suit bearing on that one
20 book. I just couldn't quite understand it.

21 Q. Having read the book, can you see how harm could
22 follow to Dr. Herbert's reputation from statements made in
23 the book?

24 A. Well, you know, I ponder that one too. I've seen
25 Dr. Herbert perform on television and in person and at

1 A. There either is or was a Bradford Foundation which
2 published the research monographs of the Bradford Research
3 Institute.

4 Q. To your knowledge, does that organization, the
5 Bradford Foundation, still exist?

6 A. I don't believe that the Bradford Foundation per se
7 still exists.

8 Q. Does the Bradford Research Institute still exist?

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 Q. Are you associated with the Bradford Research
11 Institute?

12 A. I'm their chief writer.

13 Q. And where are their offices located?

14 A. 1180 Walnut.

15 Q. You didn't identify that as one of the organizations
16 earlier.

17 A. Oh, yes, I did.

18 Q. I wanted to clarify that. I didn't recall that you
19 had.

20 So are the Bradford Research Institute employees the
21 same as the other employees you were discussing, they might
22 do work for the other organizations that are out of that
23 address?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Or let me ask, are there Bradford Research Institute

1 employees?

2 A. I believe there is only one employee per se who
3 could be thought of as a full-time employee of the BRI.

4 Q. And who is that?

5 A. Henry Allen, he's a biochemist.

6 Q. A-l-a-n?

7 A. A-l-l-e-n.

8 Q. Do you ever work out of the hospital in Mexico?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you have an office there?

11 A. I have the use of an office. It's not like my
12 separate office but I have the use of an office.

13 Q. And why do you work out of the Mexican clinic?

14 A. Primarily I interface between patients and doctors.
15 I help organizers of the hospital from foreign people who
16 come in. I'm usually over there several days a week at
17 least, and it's because I speak Spanish and I'm aware of
18 their therapies.

19 Q. Is your work at that office, is that on behalf of
20 what organization?

21 A. American Biologics - Mexico SA Medical Center.

22 Q. Do you ever work out of the Bradford ranch?

23 A. No.

24 Q. I don't believe I asked before, you testified that
25 Carol Bradford sometimes comes into the office?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Does Robert Bradford ever come into the office?

3 A. Sometimes.

4 Q. Does he have an office space there, work space?

5 A. There's an office which we think of as his office.

6 It's used by many people. He primarily is in Mexico most of
7 the time.

8 Q. I'm not clear on the associations between the
9 various organizations. Well, let me ask you another
10 question.

11 When you're paid -- I assume you're paid for your
12 work?

13 A. Well, it's all charity, Mike, no -- yes, of course.

14 Q. When you're paid for your work as editor of The
15 Choice, who pays you?

16 A. Most of the income that I make, regardless of the
17 entity that I'm working for, comes from the Mexican
18 corporation.

19 Q. The American Biologics SA?

20 A. Mexico SA, correct.

21 Q. Do you receive separate compensation from The
22 Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine?

23 A. I do particularly if there are some expenses
24 involved such as travel expenses or airline tickets or
25 something of that nature. I don't have a regular salary or

1 regular stipend from the committee.

2 Q. So your work as editor is compensated, editor of The
3 Choice -- am I correct -- that's compensated by the Mexican
4 hospital?

5 A. More often than not it is.

6 Q. Who else compensates you as editor of The Choice?

7 A. Well, there may be checks from the committee for
8 expenses, occasionally from American Biologics which is
9 organized as a company in California. Is there anything
10 else?

11 On a research project for the BRI for which the BRI
12 has funds then money can be made available for that. BRI
13 rarely has funds.

14 Q. Do you know whether BRI is incorporated?

15 A. It's a 501C3.

16 Q. Do you serve in any capacity with BRI?

17 A. No, just as a writer from time to time.

18 Q. And are you employed? Do you receive compensation
19 for your work?

20 A. Rarely. Most of the compensation that I get is,
21 again, from the Mexican corporation.

22 Q. You mentioned earlier that you write, or in some
23 sense, as a free-lance writer for other publications.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Could you state the names of the other publications

1 that you write for?

2 A. You mean right now or the last few years?

3 Q. Well, because this case goes back to about '85 --

4 A. All right. From time to time I have written for a
5 magazine called New American.

6 Q. And who publishes that?

7 A. That's published by -- what do they call themselves?
8 The Birch Society publishes that.

9 Q. Are you a member of the John Birch Society?

10 A. I was a member of the John Birch Society.

11 Q. But you're not now?

12 A. I'm not now.

13 Q. What other publications?

14 A. I've written in Health World which is published in
15 San Francisco.

16 Q. By what organization?

17 A. I don't know. It's a separate --

18 Q. Independent magazine?

19 A. It's an independent magazine.

20 Let's see, I've published in several journals
21 outside the country, Australia's -- Health and Healing in
22 Australia. I've published gratis in Roy Kupsinel's Health
23 Consciousness magazine. I've published in Townsend
24 newsletter for doctors. Those are the ones that come to
25 mind.

1 Q. Have you published in Whole Foods --

2 A. Whole foods?

3 Q. -- Magazine?

4 A. Is that -- it could be. Is that a tabloid
5 newsprint?

6 Q. I believe it's more of an industry supplement,
7 industry publication.

8 A. I don't remember but they may have used one of my
9 articles.

10 Q. How about Dynamic Chiropractic?

11 A. I don't -- I've written for Dynamic Chiropractic.

12 Q. Have you written for the CANAH organization?

13 A. No.

14 Q. How about for the IAT Patients Association?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Health Alternatives Legal Foundation?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Project Cure?

19 A. I don't believe I've written for any of these. I
20 have this desire to get paid for my writing and most of
21 these groups don't pay.

22 Q. If as we're talking you recall some others, just go
23 ahead and mention it.

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. Do you ever receive compensation from Choice

1 Metabolics for any work?

2 A. I believe in the last few years I probably have
3 received some checks from Choice Metabolics.

4 Q. And what were those for again, for paying as an
5 editor?

6 A. Usually just for writing. There are times when the
7 write-up of a product or a description of what the hospital
8 does or description of what American Biologic does is called
9 for and sometimes those have been compensated by Choice
10 Metabolics, rarely but it has happened.

11 Q. Does Choice Metabolics carry a separate checking
12 account?

13 A. I don't know their status but since they have checks
14 that say "Choice Metabolics," I'm assuming they do.

15 Q. Do you know who issues those checks from Choice
16 Metabolics?

17 A. Carol Bradford, I mean I believe that her name would
18 be on them.

19 Q. Before lunch we were discussing a philosophy of
20 journalism that you discussed, that you promote one side.
21 What was the term that you used?

22 A. Advocacy journalism.

23 Q. Advocacy journalism. In advocacy journalism, as you
24 define it, are you -- do you feel that you have an
25 obligation to investigate the other side of a certain

1 proposition or opinion? I just want to clarify.

2 A. Generally speaking, yes. Usually when we use those
3 terms in journalism, it means that somebody who is an
4 advocacy journalist is consciously taking a position. That
5 does not mean that he is consciously lying or not saying the
6 other side should not be heard. It means that he should
7 emphasize whatever it is he's ideologically concerned with.

8 Q. All right. When you place articles in The Choice
9 magazine, to what extent do you check the facts of those
10 articles?

11 A. First off, probably the vast majority of these are
12 from a clip service from the existing press. If there is
13 something in the articles, things that come to my attention
14 that look like they need follow up, a breaking news story of
15 some kind, then I will attempt to check them out. I mean,
16 like, there are several studies in this Choice on tofu,
17 vitamin E, vitamin C which were reported in the media and
18 I'm just rewriting and duplicating those usually without the
19 need to check. If there's something that's highly
20 controversial, I will frequently check the source.

21 Q. And you stated earlier, I believe, that you act as a
22 spokesperson for Bradford Research Institute American
23 Biologics?

24 A. Well, spokesman actually for the hospital and then
25 for the committee when I'm in conferences.

1 Q. Do you ever act as spokesperson, a representative of
2 Bradford Research Institute?

3 A. I never have been asked to do that because they're
4 really not involved in politics or ideology.

5 Q. The reason I ask is that I'm looking at the cover of
6 the fall-winter 1989 Choice and a paragraph that states,
7 quote, Michael L. Culbert represented the Bradford Research
8 Institute, et cetera.

9 A. Yes. That's the scientific meeting in Cypress, yes.

10 Q. And you represented them in Cypress?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Was Roy Kupsinel also at that meeting?

13 A. He was there.

14 Q. Page 24 of that issue shows a picture of certain
15 secretaries, I believe.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Does it not?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are these employees of that organization?

20 A. Yes. These are various people that work at the
21 office.

22 Q. Are they still there?

23 A. Let me see, Roxanne is not still there. These
24 people are still there.

25 Q. The first picture, Roxanne?

1 A. Mattos, she's not there, to the best of my
2 knowledge.

3 Q. Who is the second picture?

4 A. Dr. Ray Varner. She is an admissions coordinator
5 for the hospital in Mexico. Dora Hutchinson, I don't know
6 what her official position is. She also is mostly in
7 Mexico, occasionally will work out of the Chula Vista office
8 and this is Janet Mattos who does a lot of secretarial work.

9 Q. It mentions that Dora Hutchinson was formerly with
10 IAT West in Tijuana.

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Does she still have any contacts with the IAT
13 organization?

14 A. I don't believe so. I'm not sure what she does but
15 I don't believe she does.

16 Q. There's an article in the summer 1990 issue of The
17 Choice beginning on Page 7 -- well, it's all on Page 7 which
18 discusses Dr. Victor Herbet.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And my question is where did you get the information
21 for this article?

22 A. This is primarily from Dr. Levin.

23 Q. Did you check the information independent of
24 Dr. Levin?

25 A. I did not check the information independent of

1 Dr. Levin.

2 Q. You said "primarily from Dr. Levin." Where else did
3 you get information on that?

4 A. There has been coverage of this ongoing case in a
5 newsletter called The Hoffman Center Newsletter in New York
6 which I had seen months ago in the earlier part of this
7 case.

8 Q. It makes some rather biting comments about
9 Dr. Herbert, specifically quoting -- or not quoting, I'll
10 just paraphrase the second full paragraph in the second
11 column which basically alleges that the charges were dropped
12 because of the inadequacy of Dr. Herbert's testimony. Is
13 that a fair --

14 A. Well, let me see the -- well, it does say the
15 charges -- there was a recommendation that the charges be
16 dropped. Whether that's only because of Herbert, I don't
17 know.

18 Q. And I'm trying to read that and understand what your
19 intent was when you wrote that.

20 A. "The recommendation that charges be dropped and
21 Judge Storch's decision that Herbert, who spends a lot of
22 his time assailing people whom he considers to be 'quacks,'
23 was not qualified to be the state's sole witness, had
24 occurred late last November." It's stating that these
25 events occurred last November.

1 Q. And is it stating or were you intending to state
2 that the charges were dropped because of the fact or because
3 of an inadequacy of Dr. Herbert's credentials?

4 A. No. It's just the recommendation that the charges
5 be dropped that seems to be a separate thing rather than
6 Judge Storch's decision that Herbert was or was not the best
7 witness was that those two events occurred in November.

8 Q. Do you have information that Judge Storch's opinion
9 was that Dr. Herbert was not an adequate witness?

10 A. I do not have any direct information on that about
11 his opinion.

12 Q. There's another -- a couple paragraphs later that
13 states that a question had been put to Dr. Herbert and,
14 quote, seemed to put Herbert into a rage, end quote, and
15 that the judge and the members of the panel then left the
16 room while Dr. Herbert was still talking.

17 A. This was a statement from Warren Levin.

18 Q. Did you do anything independently to check whether
19 that was true?

20 A. No. I did ask Dr. Levin to talk about the specific
21 quote with his attorney. I'm assuming he did but I don't
22 know.

23 Q. On the facing page, Page 6, is an article
24 "Acupuncture is Medicine - Iowa Board's Ruling."

25 a. Yes.

1 Q. Where did that article come from?

2 A. This was part of a clip service, and it was in the
3 press. Now whether it was UPI or API, I don't know but it
4 was a clip service.

5 Q. For the record I'd like to mark into evidence those
6 two pages, Pages 6 and 7 of the summer 1990 Choice. And I
7 don't have a copy right now so we'll mark them later. We'll
8 just mark them in as -- both pages as Exhibit 3.

9 Do you have any problem with that?

10 A. No.

11 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 3 marked)

12 BY MR. BOTTS:

13 Q. The meeting in Virginia that you mentioned earlier,
14 again I don't want to go into great detail, the meeting of
15 the defendants after this case was filed, where was that
16 held? You mentioned in Virginia. Was it held at --

17 A. It was a motel and I can't remember whether it was
18 the Arlington Quality Inn. It was something with Arlington
19 attached to it.

20 Q. And were there attorneys present at the meeting?

21 A. There were attorneys present.

22 Q. Which attorneys were present at the meeting?

23 A. That does seem to get --

24 Q. Again, I'm not going to ask what they said or what
25 they told you.

1 A. Well, representatives of Popham Haik were there and
2 there were some other attorneys representing
3 Mrs. Frompovich, and I don't recall them all but there were
4 attorneys.

5 Q. Have you at any time called the office of Johnson
6 County, Attorney White in Iowa?

7 A. I can't recall.

8 Q. That would be in connection with --

9 A. Yes. I cannot -- let me see. I may have. I don't
10 recall it but I may have. There were several things
11 developing, as you may well know. And some were in the
12 media; some were things I heard from Wiewel; some things I
13 did, indeed, want to check out and so I may have. I do not
14 recall the specific call to that office.

15 Q. And that was in connection with the complaint
16 against Victor Herbert?

17 A. That would be in connection with those events.

18 Q. Somehow I keep not quite nailing down all of your
19 positions with all the other organizations at the present
20 time.

21 Are you public information officer with the Mexican
22 clinic?

23 A. Yes. I have so many hats, I have hat band stress.
24 I am spokesman or primary information officer for the
25 Mexican hospital.

1 Q. Before we go further, I think what I'd like to have
2 you do, if you would, is to go through each of the documents
3 you produced and just identify them for the record and if
4 you would write your initial in the, say, upper right-hand
5 corner, your initials, that way I won't have to put
6 everything into evidence and we'll know exactly what was
7 produced here today. So I'll hand you, first of all, the
8 stack of publications, The Choice, and I think we can just
9 refer to those fairly accurately as all of the issues
10 since --

11 A. 1980.

12 Q. Spring 1980?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Through summer-fall 1990?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I don't know if there's any as long as these.

17 There's no question that those are going to be accurate,

18 so --

19 A. No question.

20 Q. So I think we can forego initiating those.

21 The next set of documents produced by you are the
22 committee statements, et cetera, from 1980 through 1990.

23 A. Yes, right.

24 Q. And this stack I think I will hand you and just very
25 briefly, identify for the record and put your initial on the

1 upper right-hand corner.

2 A. All right. You want like 1, 2, 3 or A, B, C?

3 Q. Oh, no, simply put initials beginning with the first
4 document.

5 A. The first document is a state of California
6 statement by domestic nonprofit corporation filed at some
7 point in '89.

8 Second document is a certificate of amendment of
9 articles of corporation on changing the name of The
10 Committee for Freedom of Choice.

11 The third document is a press release we just put
12 out on SB 2872, a piece of legislation in California that we
13 don't like.

14 Q. I think what you can probably do is simply cite the
15 heading on it. You don't even have to discuss what's in it.

16 A. Next document is statement to the OTA panel.

17 Q. And the date is?

18 A. Date is March 9, 1990.

19 Next is a "Dear Member" letter to the technology
20 assessment board, June 8, 1990.

21 Next is a letter from me to FTA commissioner Frank
22 Young, March 16, 1988.

23 Next is a press release in Kansas City. I only
24 dated it by memory 1988. It was at the Health Fraud
25 convention in 1988 in Kansas City.

1 Then the next is a series of pages of reproductions
2 of Choice pages beginning American's Medical Gulag and I put
3 1987-1988 on here because we've used these at various places
4 in those two years.

5 Next is dated October 23, 1987, a statement to the
6 National Cancer Advisory Board.

7 Then next is an open letter to the Faculty and
8 Planning Committee on Health Fraud meeting in Sacramento and
9 that was dated simply 1987.

10 Next is a letter March 7, 1985, to the UNESCO, or
11 no, the United Nations office in Geneva relative to a
12 document that we filed with the U.N. on March 7, '85.

13 Next is July 3, 1984, statement of a press
14 conference held in Los Angeles.

15 Next is copy of a telegram sent to the widow of
16 Congressman McDonald. Now I'm not sure of the dates,
17 whenever the plane was shot down which is -- this goes back
18 to '83.

19 Next -- the same date on all of these various
20 telegrams, one to the ambassador of the embassy of the
21 Soviet Union in Washington.

22 And then the other one is to the Charles Armer of
23 the John Birch Society on the same date.

24 One to President Ronald Reagan, same date.

25 Then December 1981 a general informational letter

1 that we put out to our chairman and members, December 1981.

2 Next is a copy of the manuscript we submitted to the
3 American Bar Association in Honolulu August 1, 1980, called
4 "Laetrile Phenomenon."

5 Next is a statement by me before the Board of
6 Medical Examiners, State of Florida dated July 26, 1980.

7 Next is a press release dated March 26, 1980 called
8 "Laetrile Proponents Go to Court."

9 Next is a copy of a brochure that we had in the late
10 '70s early '80s when we were still or before we changed the
11 name to Committee for Freedom of Choice and Cancer Therapy.
12 It's a brochure.

13 And the last document is a copy of the court case
14 entered by Robert Bradford, myself, Dr. Halstead against the
15 National Cancer Institute, et al., in the matter of
16 laetrile. That's what all these are.

17 Q. And I hand you now the documents that were in the
18 envelope produced by you entitled --

19 A. Herbercia (phonetic), items relating to Dr. Herbert.

20 Q. And I'll ask you to do the same thing briefly
21 identify and initial --

22 A. Yes, okay.

23 First one is dated November 6, 1984, from
24 Congressman or to Congressman William D. Ford to somebody in
25 the Department of Veteran Affairs.

1 Q. Do you know how you came across that document?

2 A. No. I was trying to figure that out, how I came
3 across -- why it was in my file. I don't know why it was
4 sent to me, I don't know by whom or what reason.

5 Then August-September 1987 front page of a Townsend
6 Letter is the article "Victor Herbert, M.D., Turns Seminar
7 into Melee."

8 Q. Do you know how you came to have that document?

9 A. Yes. The office subscribes to the Townsend Letter.

10 Then the next document, I'm not sure what the date
11 is. It would have to have been in early '87 from the "La
12 Jolla Light" newspaper, copy of an article that's headed "No
13 Middle Road on Cancer Quakery."

14 Next one is from the NNFA Monthly Monitor, September
15 '87. I believe NNFA stands for National Nutritionary Foods
16 Association and the article there that's reproduced is
17 called "Keeping Up with the Anti-Quakers."

18 Q. Do you know how you came to have that document?

19 A. No, but since we usually do have in the office the
20 NNFA Monthly Monitor it probably came in whatever -- in
21 September '87.

22 Next document is the "Daily Iowan" for June 19,
23 1987, and that's also "Angry Expert Turns Seminars into
24 First Amendment Melee." I guess they were all having a good
25 time with the word "melee."

1 Do you want each one of them cited?

2 Q. No, that's not necessary.

3 A. Just another series of articles about the same
4 event.

5 Q. Do you know how you came to have that collection?

6 A. Yes. Either Frank Wiewel sent me some, other Choice
7 readers sent me some, people around the country. An awful
8 lot of people knew about these events in Iowa.

9 Q. Well, it's a certain collection that I seem to
10 recognize as being one put together from Frank Wiewel.

11 A. It may very well be the one he put together.

12 Next one is from Medical World News, December 8,
13 1980. It's a profile of Dr. Victor Herbert.

14 Next is the Johnson County case, whatever the date
15 was, in an appeal of the Herbert matter, copy of that court
16 case.

17 Q. Do you know how you came to have a copy of the court
18 filing?

19 A. No. I assume Wiewel sent me that too.

20 Next one is Health and Healing. That's published in
21 Australia March-May 1985, an article -- an editorial that
22 mentions Victor Herbert, and I'm sure this was sent to me or
23 I assume it was sent to me by -- we have a lot of contacts
24 in Australia.

25 Q. The back of that page appears to be a letter to Gary

1 Null (phonetic) referring to that article.

2 A. I don't know what this is. I guess a -- whoever is
3 Abraham, I don't know. I don't know what that refers to or
4 why it's on here.

5 Q. Do you know where -- do you have any idea where that
6 document came from?

7 A. No, unless Gary Null sent it to me but I just don't
8 recall. I wasn't even aware if it was on there. This was
9 the point of interest for us.

10 Next is from Science, and we do get Science at the
11 office. And it has to do with a statement by Burton Kalman
12 of the National Nutritional Foods Association criticizing
13 some of Herbert's criticisms.

14 Next one I'm -- I don't know what the date is here.
15 It says "filed" -- well it's another one of the Herbert
16 findings of fact in the Herbert incident from Johnson
17 County.

18 Q. Do you know where that -- how that document came to
19 you?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Could that have been Frank Wiewel again?

22 A. It could have been. It could have been. It's just
23 that during that time, during several weeks from various
24 sources I was informed of or had knowledge of these events
25 in Iowa and a lot of people found it all interesting reading

1 because it made the press of many courses.

2 The next one is the same thing. I'm not sure of the
3 origin, November 4, 1987, the "Des Moines Register." It's a
4 series of articles or editorials about the Herbert rulings
5 in Iowa.

6 Next is Iowa City Press Citizen, October 30, '87,
7 another description of the events in Iowa.

8 And this is a duplicate of the one I mentioned
9 earlier from Science magazine so you have it twice.

10 Q. You mentioned that you received a lot of
11 information, contacts, about the events in Iowa.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Were you contacted by Michael Evers in regards to
14 what was going on in Iowa?

15 A. Well, during that time I believe that among other
16 people I talked to, that I talked to him.

17 Q. Do you recall the others you spoke with?

18 A. No, again certainly we've -- I talked to -- they're
19 just people around the country. And I may have received
20 calls like this every day from five or six people that I
21 don't know and they'll say: "Have you heard about this?"
22 or "Did you see that?" And, again, this is because it made
23 the wire services because it was big news.

24 Q. Are you familiar with a current controversy between
25 Kurt Donsbach and others as opposed to Maureen Salaman and a

1 few others regarding the activities of the National Health
2 Federation over the last few years?

3 A. I've heard a lot of secondhand things about NHF's
4 internal problems.

5 Q. There's a or was a meeting entitled Health Freedom
6 Forum in Forest City back in June of this year.

7 A. Foster city.

8 Q. Foster city, excuse me.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And I believe you spoke.

11 A. I did, um-hum.

12 Q. What was the subject of your speech at that meeting?
13 It's entitled "Medical Challenges of the 21st Century" is
14 one of them.

15 A. All right. The medical challenges I specifically
16 referred to was AIDS, chronic fatigue and cancer.

17 Q. And it has you speaking later that day.

18 A. Just on AIDS, I think.

19 Q. Well, it says: "Open discussion, problems at NHF."

20 A. Oh, as far as I know, that didn't take place. I was
21 there for two talks that night.

22 Q. Then it has you down for Sunday June 3rd as "Hope
23 and Hoax in AIDS."

24 A. Yes, that was all about AIDS.

25 Q. And then later that day again on a panel NHF "Hope

1 for Tomorrow."

2 A. No, there was no panel and I wasn't on it.

3 Q. Do you know for a fact that there was no panel?

4 A. I think there was not because I was there most of
5 the day, and there were so many events occurring that some
6 of the people couldn't be there so they didn't have it.

7 Q. I take it you are familiar with a number of tabloids
8 or small newspapers that have been published recently about
9 the controversy?

10 A. Yes, I've seen some, uh-huh.

11 Q. You're quoted in at least one of these. Are you
12 aware of that?

13 A. Which? I get frequently quoted. Which quote is
14 this?

15 MR. BOTTS: Go off the record for a second.

16 (Discussion off the record)

17 BY MR. BOTTS:

18 Q. There's a document entitled "Save NHF" dated August
19 1990 that quotes the CEO of American Biologics. Is that
20 you?

21 A. No. They might quote me but I would be
22 misidentified as CEO of American Biologics.

23 Q. I'll hand you that document which you can review.
24 The quote is on the final page.

25 A. This has an ominous ring to it.

1 Q. Where is it?

2 A. This woman has used -- well, no, I certainly --
3 since I'm not CEO of American Biologics, I can't imagine --
4 no, I haven't said that as far as I know.

5 Q. Who is the CEO of American Biologics?

6 A. Carol Bradford if there is. That's a misidentified
7 term. She is the secretary-treasurer and she filed with the
8 State of California as executive officer of the committee.

9 Q. And there's a document which begins, quote, do not
10 read this expose if you are afraid of losing your NHF
11 membership. Again in tabloid form I have here reproduced
12 the second page which is identified as "Comments from
13 American Biologics," and my question to you is whether those
14 are your comments?

15 A. Where is the --

16 Q. Right in the middle of the second page.

17 A. No, anything it says here is the executive officer
18 of this organization -- no, I think in one of those I am
19 identified with the committee saying something but this is
20 not mine.

21 Q. Here's another publication which on the front page,
22 again tabloid form, states, quote, Maureen moves board
23 meeting to hide from members, end quote, and final page in
24 the upper left-hand corner quotes you.

25 A. Yes, all right. I believe this is a quote given by

1 me over the phone to Judith Todero of the NHF because this
2 does have a ring of authenticity to it.

3 Q. It also has your name at the bottom of it.

4 A. But I might inquire as to the relevancy of all this
5 to Herbert versus Quack, Unlimited, or whatever it is but
6 I'll cop to that quote. I think I must have made it.

7 MR. BOTTS: I'll designate the document "Maureen
8 moves," et cetera as Exhibit 4.

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 4 marked)

10 MR. BOTTS: The one that begins "Do Not Read This
11 Expose" is 5 and "Save NHF" is 6.

12 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 5 and 6 marked)

13 MR. BOTTS: Let's mark these as 7 and 8.

14 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 7 and 8 marked)

15 BY MR. BOTTS:

16 Q. I hand you now a document marked as Exhibit 7 and
17 the reason for my asking you to take a look at it is it
18 purports to be --

19 A. Oh, that's where they aim to find a Committee for
20 Freedom of Choice and Health Care.

21 Q. And you're familiar with this letterhead form of the
22 Confederation of Health Organizations?

23 A. I have seen that, yes.

24 Q. And it was your testimony that Choice is or is not a
25 member of CHO?

1 A. Well, I don't know what would construe membership.
2 To the best of my knowledge, we have not signed any
3 document, we have not paid any dues, and they've even got
4 our name wrong, so --

5 Q. The publication Wellness Lifestyle, I hand you now
6 Exhibit 8 which purports to be the cover of that
7 publication, again identifying the Committee for Freedom of
8 Choice in Health Care.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Was this the publication that you identified earlier
11 as having been dedicated to you? Do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, I believe the first or second edition of this
13 magazine was the one dedicated to me, that's right.

14 Q. When you met with the Coalition, there was a meeting
15 in Tijuana, Mexico; is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Roughly February of '87?

18 A. Yes, some early point in '87.

19 Q. And I believe Frank Wiewel was in attendance at that
20 meeting, was he not?

21 A. I believe he was.

22 Q. And Dr. Donsbach was in attendance as well?

23 A. Well, at this meeting, the meeting that I recall, I
24 do not believe Dr. Donsbach was at this meeting.

25 Q. What was the purpose of the meeting in Tijuana?

1 A. Well, the meetings involving this umbrella group,
2 Coalition, were for the specific purpose of our response to
3 the Alternative Cancer Movement, to the OTA study being
4 announced in Washington. And there was great interest about
5 whether the clinics in Tijuana should participate in making
6 information available, the extent of that participation,
7 whether they should -- there should be a new organization or
8 we should just let things ride as they were. But these --
9 this went over. Most of the debating was about whether
10 there should be a coalition or what the nature of it should
11 be.

12 Q. And there was also a meeting in another city, was
13 there not?

14 A. Well, again, there was a meeting in Washington, D.C.
15 Because we were sponsoring the event at the Kennedy Center,
16 we launched the Hoxsey film at that time. And that was to
17 be a fund-raiser for the coalition if there was to be a
18 coalition.

19 Q. You mentioned "we were sponsoring it."

20 A. Yeah, all the groups together. "Groups together"
21 meaning there are people representing The Committee for
22 Freedom of Choice, IACVF, the IATPA group, various
23 independent cancer patients, I believe the Evers group. I'm
24 not sure if CANAH was there. Just several organizations of
25 people very much interested in the OTA.

1 Q. Was there any particular person or organization that
2 was the founding group or the moving force to that
3 coalition?

4 A. Yes. I would say the moving force for the OTA
5 review in the first place was the Burton patient group,
6 IATPA and that they took a lead early in trying to get the
7 OTA study and so they from day one were very much involved
8 in whether they would or would not be in an organization
9 called the Coalition.

10 Q. Are you aware of a meeting of the Coalition that
11 took place in Miami?

12 A. There were people in Miami who at the time of a
13 health fraud meeting, and I'm not sure if that's the one you
14 have in mind, some of the people who were in the Coalition
15 were there, but I don't recall this as a Coalition meeting
16 per se.

17 Q. Was it primarily the Cancer Victors and Friends?

18 A. Yes, yes, because there are a lot of those in
19 Florida.

20 Q. And were you in attendance at that?

21 A. If it's the meeting that sticks in my mind, I was
22 because it overlapped with the health fraud meeting there.

23 Q. What health fraud meeting was that?

24 A. There was a meeting to discuss health fraud as it
25 related to cancer and Dr. Herbert was there and others.

1 Q. Was that the meeting sponsored by the Florida Cancer
2 Association?

3 A. I believe it was.

4 Q. Or Florida --

5 A. Cancer Society and some other people.

6 Q. Did you attend the meeting where Dr. Herbert spoke?

7 A. Yes, I believe I did. In fact, I sat next to
8 Dr. Herbert and we chitchatted cordially, incredibly enough.

9 Q. Are you familiar with an organization known as the
10 Alliance for Alternative Medicine?

11 A. Yes. This group, if it can be designated that, is
12 really -- I think it could be defined as a one-woman effort.
13 And when it looked like the Coalition itself would not be
14 formed, then there were some efforts to set up yet another
15 group call The Alliance. Now, I think The Alliance still
16 exists, but if it does, all it does is publish a magazine
17 The Alliance Newsletter or something.

18 Q. New Horizons?

19 A. I'm not sure.

20 Yeah, yes. That's the 1988 -- I think they have
21 changed the name to something else, but I'm not sure what it
22 is.

23 Q. Is The Choice a member of the Alliance for
24 Alternative Medicine or participating?

25 A. Well, again, not in any way in terms of sending them

1 money or being -- I guess we are on their mailing list but
2 we're not a member per se.

3 Q. I'll hand you an article from the News/Sun-Sentinel,
4 I believe from Fort Lauderdale, November 21st, 1987, and ask
5 you if you recognize that article.

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 Q. There's a quote from you or purported to be by you
8 further down the article. I believe it's marked.

9 A. Oh, yes, "Michael Culbert, director of" -- yes, yes.
10 I wish, indeed, I were director of the American Biologics
11 Medical Center in Tijuana but indeed I'm not. But yes, I
12 remember that.

13 Q. Is that the Florida meeting you were speaking of?

14 A. Yes, I believe that was at the same time as the
15 Florida meeting and that was the meeting Dr. Herbert was
16 attending.

17 MR. BOTTS: I'll enter that into the record as
18 Exhibit 9.

19 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 9 marked)

20 BY MR. BOTTS:

21 Q. I hand you a document that purports to be -- at
22 least contains the letterhead of The Coalition and on the
23 bottom of the left-hand side it refers to Michael Culbert
24 and The Committee for Freedom of Choice.

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Have you seen that letterhead containing your name
2 in connection with The Coalition?

3 A. Oh, I think so. It looks familiar. This is '86,
4 December '86 where the Coalition was still trying to get
5 organized and see if there would be such a -- yeah, I will
6 assume that this is a legitimate letter mentioning us.

7 Q. So at least at that time, was The Committee for
8 Freedom of Choice in Medicine a knowing member of the
9 Coalition?

10 A. I guess the semantics in all of the disputes, and
11 there were many -- I was the dissenting voice saying that we
12 did not need another organization. And I think one reason
13 the word "coalition" was selected was to avoid its
14 identification of being yet another organization. So the
15 Coalition in effect for purposes of the OTA was a
16 convergence of people and organizations interested in the
17 OTA to that extent we were collaborating with the Coalition,
18 but as far as being members or paying in money or anything
19 like that, we were not.

20 MR. BOTTS: I'll enter that into the record as
21 Exhibit 10.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 10 and 11 marked)

23 BY MR. BOTTS:

24 Q. I hand you now what's been marked as Exhibit 11
25 which purports to be a letter from People Against Cancer

1 with an address in Otho, Iowa, to Coalition members and ask
2 you if you recall receiving such a letter.

3 A. I certainly remember the name Otho. I received from
4 Frank Wiewel in the formative stages of the Coalition
5 numerous type letters, and this looks like one of them. So
6 I'm going to -- I mean I'm assuming that I have, indeed,
7 seen it.

8 Q. Do you know who People Against Cancer is or was?

9 A. That's essentially Wiewel's group. Now all I can
10 say to that is I believe, and this is all secondhand, that
11 there were some frustrations between the IATPA and some
12 members of the IATPA about setting up a whole new group or
13 just keeping the identity as the IATPA, hence the use of
14 several names of what amounts to be the same people. That
15 was my understanding.

16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 12 marked)

17 BY MR. BOTTS:

18 Q. I hand you now what's marked as Exhibit 12 which has
19 a title of "The Coalition for the Evaluation of Alternative
20 Therapy" et cetera and a number of "whereas" and ask you if
21 you're familiar with that document.

22 A. Let's see, this goes back to -- well, I'm not
23 specifically familiar with this specific document. It is so
24 similar to things being generated at that time it may have
25 been -- I'm not specifically aware of this document.

1 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 13 marked)

2 BY MR. BOTTS:

3 Q. And I now hand you what has been marked as Exhibit
4 13 which purports to be a letter to you dated May 2nd, 1989,
5 from Maureen Salaman.

6 Do you recall receiving that letter?

7 A. I do, in fact, recall this letter, um-hum.

8 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 14 marked)

9 BY MR. BOTTS:

10 Q. I hand you now what has been marked as Exhibit 14
11 and admittedly it's a poor copy. And I'll note for your
12 benefit that you appear on the carbon copy section of the
13 letter.

14 A. Yes, okay. April 1, '87.

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. I hope this was not April Fool's.

17 Do I recall seeing this letter?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. I don't but then I've seen so many letters. I mean
20 I think this is real, and a copy of it probably did reach
21 me.

22 Q. Were you aware of a connection between the Coalition
23 and the office of Guy Molinari?

24 A. I was aware of a connection between Michael Torrusio
25 and the interest in the OTA. Guy Molinari, I think, was in

1 fact the first signatory asking for an OTA examination of
2 alternative cancer treatments.

3 Q. You know a gentleman by the name of Ed Burke?

4 A. I believe Ed Burke worked in Michael Torrusio's
5 office.

6 Q. Worked for Torrusio who in turn worked for Molinari?

7 A. They both have a connection or had a connection with
8 Molinari. I'm not sure what the connection was.

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 15 marked)

10 BY MR. BOTTS:

11 Q. I hand you now Exhibit 15 which purports to be a
12 copy of an article by you entitled "Freedom of Medicine" and
13 it seems to either have a picture that improves with
14 reproduction or an older picture of you.

15 A. I refuse to comment on the picture but I will say
16 this is a reproduction of the article, yes.

17 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 16 marked)

18 BY MR. BOTTS:

19 Q. And I hand you Exhibit 16 which is a copy of an
20 article from "The Kansas City Star" around the time of the
21 National Health Fraud conference in Kansas City and ask you
22 if you have have ever seen the article. It appears to quote
23 you on various points.

24 A. Yes, this looks familiar. Oh, yes, I specifically
25 recall that quote.

1 Q. So it's accurate as best you can recall?

2 A. Yes. The one referring to death.

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 17 marked)

4 BY MR. BOTTS:

5 Q. I hand you now a document labeled as Exhibit 17 --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- which appears to have a logo of the committee on
8 the front page --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- and then some other documents.

11 Do you recall that document?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. Do you recall, was that handed out to the public?

14 A. It was handed out to the public, yes, I think at
15 several different times but I don't recall what all those
16 times were.

17 Q. Do you recall one of them as the Florida meeting or
18 the meeting in Florida that we were discussing?

19 A. It may have been there and there was another health
20 fraud meeting in San Diego. It might have been there as
21 well.

22 Q. Could have been one or the other or both?

23 A. Yes.

24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 18 marked)

25 BY MR. BOTTS:

1 Q. And I hand you Exhibit 18 which purports to be an
2 article by you as well and I ask you if you're familiar with
3 that?

4 A. I'm not sure where it's from. Let me see. It may
5 be from the IACVF magazine because they wanted me to submit
6 something about the OTA. I think that's what this is but
7 I'm not sure.

8 Q. But you recall the article or does it appear genuine
9 to you?

10 A. It appears genuine to me.

11 Q. You recall being served with the lawsuit in the
12 Herbert case?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And did you at that time read the complaint and the
15 allegations filed against yourself?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And do you recall whether there were any -- there's
18 specific allegations stated, quoted that you made those
19 statements at certain times.

20 A. Um-hum.

21 Q. Are any of these allegations incorrect, to your
22 knowledge?

23 A. Well, other than the one that's recorded, the speech
24 in Los Angeles, I don't recall all the language used. I did
25 give a speech in Los Angeles.

1 Q. Is there anything about that speech that you know to
2 be incorrect?

3 A. Well, as an ex-news editor, I just couldn't see how
4 it was cause for a lawsuit but --

5 Q. That's a separate question.

6 A. Yeah, that's a separate -- I'm not aware of it but
7 since I can't remember all the details of the speech, I
8 couldn't sit down and say I know this sentence to be wrong.

9 Q. And as far as the written material, is there
10 anything?

11 A. The written material is in The Choice and it is
12 printed.

13 Q. Accurately quoted?

14 A. Yes, I think it's accurate.

15 Q. There was another document filed, a very thick
16 document entitled "Prima Facie Showing of Judicial Facts."
17 I'll put a copy in front of you in case you want to take
18 another look at it.

19 My only question to you was whether there was
20 anything in there that was incorrectly stated with regards
21 to you?

22 A. Well, there's literally pounds of this Herbert case,
23 I mean pounds.

24 Q. Tell me about it.

25 A. And I could not conceivably recall everything in any

1 of these documents that "Oh, my God, he just made it up." I
2 cannot specifically recall that I would have taken a note of
3 that.

4 Q. I'm trying to shorten this deposition a little bit.

5 A. I will in no way hinder that process.

6 Q. Unfortunately for you, however, the reason I'm
7 shortening it, I do intend to go to the court regarding the
8 documents from the corporation that I didn't receive today.
9 And in that regard, I'd like to at least give you the
10 opportunity to present those documents to me before I
11 terminate this deposition and then have to go to the court
12 to request those documents.

13 A. Well, how long is this deposition? I mean it could
14 be I'm not the person who has the documents.

15 Q. Yeah. Unfortunately I flew out here intending to
16 see them so I can't say let's do it next week or something
17 like that.

18 A. Well, I would make an inquiry both legally and with
19 the company about that.

20 Q. All right. I have asked you quite a few questions.
21 Is there anything that you wanted to add to explain any of
22 the answers or anything that's occurred to you since we've
23 been talking?

24 A. Well, let's see, again, I mean not being a lawyer
25 myself, it's hard to imagine relevance of this to the

1 lawsuit in which most of us are no longer defendants. And I
2 think what Victor has been looking for is some evidence that
3 we somehow -- "we" meaning the three entities that received
4 the original case -- myself, the committee, Choice -- are
5 involved in some conspiracy to defame him. And I simply am
6 asserting that this is simply not the case.

7 Q. Is there anything else?

8 A. No.

9 Q. This is your chance to respond.

10 A. Well, I'm not -- you want me to cross-examine?

11 Q. Essentially that's what I'm asking. If you were to
12 cross-examine yourself, put anything on the record or if
13 there's anything I didn't inquire far enough about that you
14 wanted to clarify.

15 A. Well, again, my -- I would only stress my
16 understanding of the subpoena is the things that I have in my
17 possession and control which I've attempted to present and
18 that my relationship with the committee is almost entirely
19 that of editor of The Choice. I will emphasize that as
20 strongly as I can.

21 Q. The one thing that puzzles me is the fact that I did
22 discuss this with your attorney and he apparently left you
23 with the impression this was to you personally and not to
24 the organization, whereas that's --

25 A. It might be my extrapolation of his view and it may

1 be the way I presented it to him. It seemed to me that it
2 was truly to me. And if other people in the committee who
3 have more knowledge of other areas were to be subpoenaed,
4 that's fine too, but my area of expertise, if it can be
5 described, is The Choice and statements that I make about
6 The Choice.

7 Q. Just so you don't think that it's -- I'm not trying
8 to be malicious or mean or something, I just need to
9 represent my client's interest and for that reason, I'm
10 going to go to the court and request that they order the
11 Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine to produce the
12 records under the original subpoena.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And I'll ask that they fund my coming back out here
15 to get --

16 A. Two trips to San Diego are better than one.

17 Q. Yeah. I can never get them scheduled in the winter.

18 If there's nothing further, I think at this point it
19 would be best to terminate the deposition rather than
20 concluding it and let's go off the record for a second to
21 discuss how to handle the copies.

22 (Discussion off the record)

23 MR. BOTTS: You do have the opportunity to see
24 what's been written down here and if there are names that
25 are wrong, words that are incorrect, things like that,

1 you'll have an opportunity to correct that. The court
2 reporter will send you a letter that says that the
3 transcript is prepared and ask you to come in. I think it
4 would be best, since you don't have an attorney, just come
5 in and take a look at it here, make any changes you feel are
6 appropriate and then you'll sign an affidavit or
7 acknowledgement that that's correct.

8 I'll ask at the time the transcription is ready that
9 I'll receive a copy and that I'll use that to present my
10 argument to the court, but you will -- you Mike Culbert will
11 have an opportunity to read it and check it for yourself and
12 certify to that. I just want to let you know that I intend
13 to use it before I receive your certification, your signed
14 letter.

15 Do you have any questions about that or the
16 procedure?

17 A. Well, I don't know. What's the time spectrum?

18 Q. I believe it's generally 30 days you get, you
19 receive the letter and it gives you 30 days to come in and
20 check the document. It usually takes around three weeks,
21 two to three weeks for the transcript to be ready so it will
22 be two to three weeks before you receive the letter and then
23 you'll have approximately 30 days to come in.

24 Okay. I think we're concluded. The deposition is
25 terminated.

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I, MICHAEL L. CULBERT, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing transcript of my deposition taken August 16, 1990; that I have made such corrections as appear noted herein, in ink, initialed by me; that my testimony as contained herein, as corrected, is true and correct.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 19____,
at _____, _____
(CITY) (STATE)

MICHAEL L. CULBERT

ATTACHMENT TO SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

To: Michael Culbert as representative of the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc.

The following definitions and limitations on this Subpoena shall apply to the subpoenaed person:

Document -- The term "document" as used herein shall mean any papers or writings or electronically stored material, including drafts in your possession, custody, or control, or of which you have knowledge, wherever located, whether an original or a copy, including agreements, financing statements, invoices, minutes, memoranda, notes, records, interoffice communications, tapes, or other recordings, microfilms, telegrams, letters, photographs, drawings, data, reports, printed matter, publications, press releases, offers, bids, proposals, statements, telexes, complaints, notices, claims, counterclaims, answers, and presentations to any governmental body. Any copy containing thereon or having attached thereto any alterations, notes, comments, or other material not included in the originals or copies referred to in the preceding sentence shall be deemed a separate document within the foregoing definition.

Time Limitations -- This Subpoena requests all specified documents from January 1, 1980 through the present, unless another time limitation is specifically stated.

SUBPOENAED DOCUMENTS

1. Executive Committee minutes, including all attachments to the minutes and any tape recordings of the meetings.
2. Board of Governors or Board of Directors minutes, including all attachments to the minutes and any tape recordings of the meetings.
3. Financial records, including but not limited to daily receipt and disbursement logs; monthly, quarterly, and annual accounting reports and summaries; and, local, state, and federal tax returns including all schedules and attachments.
4. Cancelled checks.
5. Long distance carrier and local phone bills reflecting the date and phone numbers called under those accounts.
6. Applications or filings with states other than California to solicit funds.
7. Applications or filings with states other than

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California to do business as a foreign corporation.

8. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and any amendments thereto.

9. Annual corporate filings submitted to the State of California or any political subdivision or agency thereof.

10. Inventory records reflecting purchase and sale of inventory, including but not limited to books such as "The Great Medical Monopoly Wars".

11. Correspondence or documents sent to or received from the following:

- a) Kurt Donsbach
- b) International Institute of Natural Health Sciences, Inc.
- c) Frank Wiewel
- d) Denise Wiewel
- e) I.A.T. Patients' Association, Inc. a/k/a IATPA
- f) The Coalition
- g) People Against Cancer a/k/a PAC, or People Against Cancer of Otho, Iowa.
- h) Catherine Frompovich, or Coalition for Alternatives in Nutrition and Healthcare, Inc. a/k/a CANAH
- i) Lorraine Rosenthal, or Cancer Control Society a/k/a CCS
- j) The National Health Federation
- k) John M. Fink
- l) Marie Steinmeyer, or International Association of Cancer Victors and Friends a/k/a IACVF
- m) Clinton Ray Miller
- n) Bonnie Miller
- o) Bob DeBragga, or Jill Decker of Project Cure
- p) Michael Evers
- q) Project Cure

- r) Health Alternatives Legal Foundation a/k/a HALF
- s) Peter Joseph Lisa a/k/a P.J. Lisa a/k/a Joe Lisa
- t) Excalibur Research Incorporated
- u) Coalition of Health Organizations a/k/a CHO
- v) Dr. D's Supplements a/k/a Dr. D's, or Professional Products of California a/k/a Professional Products
- w) DRK, Inc.
- x) Hospital Santa Monica
- y) Health Resources Group
- z) Wholistic Publications a/k/a Holistic Publications

12. For the Bradford Trust -- financial records, including but not limited to daily receipt and disbursement logs; monthly, quarterly, and annual accounting reports and summaries; and, local, state, and federal tax returns including all schedules and attachments.

13. For any wholly or partially owned subdivision the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. -- financial records, including but not limited to daily receipt and disbursement logs; monthly, quarterly, and annual accounting reports and summaries; and, local, state, and federal tax returns including all schedules and attachments.

14. Copies of the publication "The Choice".

15. Copies of any mass or general mailings to members of The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc.

16. Copies of programs from conventions, meetings, or conferences of The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc.

17. Sound or video recordings of all programs presented at conventions, meetings, or conferences of The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc., including but not limited to state, regional, and national conventions, meetings, or conferences.

18. Documents which name or concern Dr. Victor Herbert.

19. Documents which name or concern the National Council Against Health Fraud, Inc.

20. Documents which name or concern the American Council on Science and Health.

21. Membership records, including but not limited to names and addresses of members.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
 CENTRAL DIVISION

Victor Herbert, M.D., J.D.,

Plaintiff,

v.

The American Quack Association,
 Kurt Donsbach, Peter Joseph
 Lisa, Clinton Miller,
 Kirkpatrick Dilling, Catherine
 Frompovich, Maureen Kennedy
 Salaman, Michael Evers, William
 Moore, Michael Culbert, Roy
 Kupsinel, Richard Passwater,
 Frank Wiewel, International
 Institute of Natural Health
 Sciences, Inc., National Health
 Federation, Health Alternatives
 Legal Foundation, Coalition
 for Alternatives in Nutrition
 and Healthcare, Inc., The
 Committee for Freedom of Choice
 in Medicine, Inc., I.A.T.
 Patients' Association, WFC, Inc.,
 "Alternatives", "The Choice",
 "Healthcare Rights Advocate",
 "Health Consciousness", "Whole
 Foods", and "Health Freedom
 News",

Defendants.

Civil No. C87-3169

AFFIDAVIT OF MR. MICHAEL
 CULBERT IN SUPPORT OF
 DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
 DISMISS (Committee for Freedom
 of Choice in Medicine, Inc.;
 Michael L. Culbert; "The
 Choice")

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) ss:

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

Michael L. Culbert, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and
 says:

1. My name is Michael L. Culbert. I am a resident of
 California, am over 18 years of age, and believe in the duties and
 obligations of an oath. I offer this affidavit on behalf of the

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Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc., myself and "The Choice" in support of the defendants' Motion to Dismiss.

2. Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. is a California, non-profit corporation. It was originally incorporated in 1973 in California under the name of Committee for Freedom of Choice in Cancer Therapy, Inc., and assumed its new, broader name in 1984. The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. is located at 1180 Walnut Avenue, Chula Vista, California 92011.

3. The Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. is a non-profit educational and advocacy group, advocating freedom of choice with full and informed consent between physicians and patients regarding medical treatment and health care. Its main function is to serve as an information clearing house, providing information and speakers for health conventions, and also appearing in state legislatures or courts when and as needed in support of freedom of choice with respect to medical treatment and health care. It also serves as a doctor/patient referral system for alternative health care therapy.

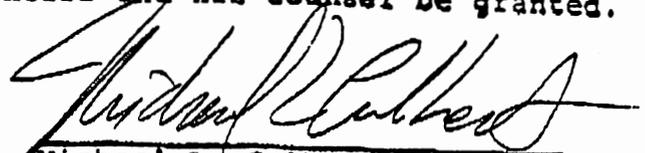
4. Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. has no Iowa chapters, no offices and no members in the State of Iowa. It maintains no place of business, headquarters or other presence in the State of Iowa. It has no employees, no telephone listing, no post office box, no address, and no assets whatsoever in the State of Iowa.

5. I presently serve as the editor and chief of "The Choice," and I am Chairman of the Board of the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. I have no contacts, presence or relationship with the State of Iowa.

6. "The Choice" is the newsletter or "voice" of the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc. Approximately 5,000 copies of "The Choice" are printed every two months, with a subscriber list ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 addressees. Of that list, only ten are Iowa subscribers. Certainly the magazine "The Choice" does not have sufficient "minimum contacts" with the State of Iowa for purposes of jurisdiction. It does not even maintain a "casual presence", let alone a "continuous and systematic" presence.

7. Neither I, nor Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc., nor "The Choice" are or ever have been citizens or residents of the State of Iowa, nor have I or they maintained anything remotely resembling sufficient "minimum contacts" with the State of Iowa. They have not maintained a "casual presence"

or a "continuous and systematic" presence. Accordingly, and as reflected in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, the plaintiff's claim and this court lack jurisdiction over the above-referenced defendants. In light of the above, I respectfully request that the motion to dismiss the plaintiff's complaint be granted, and that sanctions against the plaintiff and his counsel be granted.


Michael L. Culbert

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 9th day of ~~February~~, 1988.
March 1988

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Elsa M Hernandez
Notary Public



CDC finds cause of 'EMS' cases

Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Oregon Department of Human Resources have determined that the recent outbreak of the rare eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome (EMS) that has stricken more than a thousand Americans and killed at least 7 was probably due to a contaminant in a batch of L-tryptophan manufactured by one Japanese company in 1989.

In a report in the July 11 *Journal of the American Medical Assn.*, Laurence Slutsker, MD, et al. report that they have pared down the cases of EMS not to use of the widely prescribed amino acid itself but to one group of supplies of the substance manufactured by a single Japanese company in the first five months of 1989.

The CDC team compared the use of 58 patients with EMS with the brand and source of tryptophan used by 30 asymptomatic controls identified through a random telephone survey and 63 asymptomatic controls who contacted the Oregon Health Division voluntarily.

Of these, 45 of 46 cases had taken a tryptophan product made by one manufacturer, compared with 3 of 10 telephone survey controls and 15 of 31 volunteer controls.

"Retail lots of tryptophan from this manufacturer that were associated with cases were significantly more likely to have been produced from January to June 1989 than lots from this manufacturer that were taken by controls," assessed the scientists.

They added they have yet to define the contaminant.

The first reports of developing EMS were reported to the CDC in November 1989, with more than 1,000 cases and 7 deaths reported by early 1990.

The syndrome is characterized by severe joint pain and a considerable increase in eosinophils, a kind of white blood cell elicited under allergic and other pathological conditions.

CANAH sues FDA, CDC

The Pennsylvania-based health-freedoms group Coalition for Alternatives in Nutrition and Healthcare, Inc. (CANAH) has filed suit against the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

According to CANAH Legislative Advocate Catherine J. Frompovich, PhD, the civil action was brought because of what CANAH feels was insufficient response to the group's demands for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

CANAH asked for data about "the contamination of the amino acid L-tryptophan and the FDA's decision-making process, a report on the removal of L-tryptophan from the open marketplace" and other tryptophan-marketing and related information.

Dr. Frompovich noted that "this lawsuit comes on the heels of CANAH's citizen petition contesting the FDA's continued recall of L-tryptophan and its apparent attempt to treat L-T and amino acids as drugs."

Rep. Eric Seastrand, freedom fighter, dies

Eric Seastrand, a California legislator who fought for freedom of choice in medicine and whose impassioned plea before the Sacramento lower house led to a loosening of restrictions whereby California AIDS patients may receive some experimental therapies, lost a long battle with cancer in June. He was 52.

The Salinas Republican who was first elected to the California Assembly in 1982 had utilized both alternative and orthodox approaches in his battle with colon cancer, and survived beyond the normal time expectation for victims of the terminal stage of the disease.

His death at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital was attributed to kidney failure and complications of an infection, according to a spokesman for the Assembly Republican Caucus.

Assemblyman Seastrand, an Army veteran and former stockbroker, had refused to let his disease, and the treatment for it, get him down. He arrived at the Assembly's last session on crutches.

It was Seastrand's treatment at American Biologics-Mexico SA Medical Center in Tijuana which, in part, helped clarify his views on the plight of American patients grappling with terminal disease who are denied a free choice of therapies and forced to leave the country, go underground, or do without.

Both the hospital staff and his colleagues in both parties commended the assemblyman for his constant courage and good humor while facing an awesome foe.

FTC hits drug rebate scheme

The Federal Trade Commission charged six New York State pharmaceutical associations and one individual with illegally conspiring to force New York State to raise reimbursements to pharmacists under its Employees Prescription Plan. The conspiracies cost New York approximately \$7 million in the 18 months following July 1, 1986, according to the FTC's complaints. Four of the associates agreed to settle the charges under a consent agreement announced for public comment.

Acupuncture is medicine — Iowa board's ruling

Acupuncture constitutes the practice of medicine and must be done by someone licensed in medicine or osteopathy, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners recently ruled.

"We conclude that the diagnosis of pain, headaches, sports injuries, and arthritis, the prescription of acupuncture as a treatment, as well as the practice of acupuncture to treat these ailments would constitute the practice of medicine and surgery," the board said in a declaration ruling handed down at the request of the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Assn.

The board's ruling said that while smoking and weight loss may not be illnesses, acupuncture to help people stop smoking or lose weight still may be considered medical practice if it involves diagnosis and treatment.

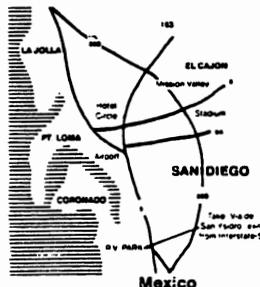
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Dr. Levin finally gets 'day in court'

Embattled New York medical pioneer Warren M. Levin, MD, long a target of orthodox medicine in New York, finally takes the stand in his own defense Aug. 10 after 10 years of harassment and investigation by state authorities.

He is back in an administrative law panel hearing before Administrative Law Judge Larry Storch because New York Health Commissioner David Axelrod, MD, overruled Judge Storch as to the allowability of ubiquitous "quackbuster" Victor Herbert, MD, as the state's only witness against Dr. Levin.

Earlier, Judge Storch had dismissed Herbert as a witness and the administrative panel had recommended that a veritable "laundry list" of charges against Dr. Levin, developed over the years, be dropped.

Under New York law, then, Dr. Levin, who has long been in the forefront of eclectic and metabolic therapies in degenerative diseases, is still defending his use of some 20 treatments and 18 diagnostic or monitoring tests regarded by the American medical

monopoly as unproven or questionable, despite their wide use in the world.

The state's case against him, in which Victor Herbert was the single witness, was heard behind closed doors during five hearings during the spring and summer of this year.

The recommendation that the charges be dropped and Judge Storch's decision that Herbert, who spends a lot of his time assailing people whom he considers to be "quacks," was not qualified to be the state's sole witness, had occurred late last November.

Linus Pauling, PhD, the two-time Nobel laureate and proponent of Vitamin C therapy, will be among witnesses testifying on behalf of Dr. Levin, *THE CHOICE* was informed.

The charges against the respected Manhattan physician have been filtered through New York's Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC). No evidence has surfaced that patients themselves complained about Dr. Levin.

At the final recent hearing this year from the prosecution side, a question on cross-examination by attorney Harris as to whether Dr. Herbert had ever lobbied colleagues to suggest him as a candidate for a Nobel Prize "seemed to put Herbert into a rage," according to Dr. Levin.

According to Dr. Levin, both the judge and prosecuting attorney attempted to intercede to keep Herbert from an endless verbal outpouring apparently stimulated by the offending question. The judge and panel left chambers while Herbert was still talking, Dr. Levin said.

"But, now, finally, I get to tell my side," Warren Levin told *THE CHOICE*.

The legal odyssey began in 1980, when the New York OPMC subpoenaed the records of three Levin patients treated in 1976. Four other records were sought in 1989.

From that point on, the Manhattan medic has been in and out of court trying to fend off the charges. The final disposition was to be made after a series of hearings which began September 1989.

To the alternative medical community, Dr. Levin, a high-profile defender of medical freedom of choice and proponent of medical innovation, is to be made an example in the Empire State, whose medical machinery is as tyrannical as that of California's and just as swift to crush dissent.

Donations are being accepted for the Warren M. Levin Defense Fund at 444 Park Ave., S., 12th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10016.

US bed sore scandal: 60,000 die yearly

Almost 60,000 Americans die per year from bed sores in hospitals and nursing homes and almost 40 percent of nursing home residents are at risk of developing a bed sore, according to the International Association for Enterostomal Therapy (IAET).

The organization has called on the government, Congress and healthcare institutions to begin a "national attack on bed sores," according to the *Professional Nurses Quarterly*.

IAET President Kristy Wright said that almost 1 of every 2 nursing home residents are at risk of developing such a sore, or almost 600,000 patients, and that the management of bed sores adds a whopping \$10 billion to the nation's health bill.

She said each sore costs anywhere from \$5,000 to as much as \$86,000 to heal, or an average of \$45,000.

Calling the bed sore problem "intolerable," Ms. Wright added:

"Despite government regulations, the quality of care in many nursing homes is unsatisfactory. Often, an indicator of poor quality care is the development of bed sores."

Fluoridation report zigzag

The federal research group which in February found a connection between fluoridation and cancer in animals has attempted to pooh-pooh its earlier report.

This spring, scientists of the National Toxicology Program's Board of Scientific Councilors voted after debate and public comment to label the new evidence "equivocal."

"It is like a little yellow light on the instrument panel, saying you need to look at this more closely," said David Rall, a government scientist. "At this moment, I don't think it implies any change in policy."

Fifth FDA official indicted

Marvin Seife, the former head of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) generic drug division, in June was the fifth FDA official to be indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of perjury in the ongoing two-year-old investigation of improprieties between FDA officials and generic companies. Four of Seife's former employees at the FDA have been convicted on corruption and racketeering charges. Five industry executives, three companies and one consultant have been convicted on similar charges.

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Maureen Moves Board Meeting to Hide from Members

In an apparent effort to keep any "prying eyes" away from the books and records at the Monrovia office, Maureen has moved the Special Meeting she called to her own "turf," and to accommodate the "new appointees" which are mostly based in the San Francisco area.

The notice is as follows:

Special Meeting of the President

No Guests Allowed

Date : 7/9/90
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Place: Best Western Hotel
1100 El Camino
Milbrae, Ca.
Phone: (415) 588-2912

Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of Governors as noted above.

Agenda

1. Resolve Accuracy of Board minutes
2. Regrettably deal with disruption and destruction caused by NHF board members.
3. Plan appropriate precautions to circumvent threatened destruction of Chicago Convention.
4. Organize data for lawsuit.

Note: Hotel room charge is \$55.00 per night. This is the most reasonable rate in this area.

Sincerely,

Maureen Salaman
President, NHF

Who is paying for the transportation and travel expenses of Veronica and Fred Nerio to attend the meeting?

Why is the meeting not being held at the NHF Headquarters as every meeting except the Annual has been in past?

What is Maureen trying to hide by moving the meeting? Several Governors who have opposed Maureen live in Southern California and are on limited travel budgets and cannot attend.

Chairman Al Battista - limited budget
Member Judith Toderro - limited budget
Member Osmon Rohm - limited budget
Emeritus Member Victor Irons - limited budget.

Those that support her, and/ or have recently been "appointed"

Frank Salaman	S.F. area
Patrick Von Maulk	S.F. area
Charlotte Blackburn	S.F. area
Shirley Potasz	S.F. area
Garry Gordon	S.F. area
Maureen Salaman	S.F. area

Guess where Milbrae is located ? Yep you're right - the San Francisco area. It is much easier to defend your actions away from the scene of the crime, on your own turf, and away from any records that can be produced from the storage area on demand of the Governors.

Who is going to pay for their proposed lawsuit in Agenda item #4? The members again?

The members have not paid off the last lawsuits filed against Maureen such as Dr. John Renner, Dr. Victor Herbert, and probably still paying off the legal fees for the suit filed against Maureen by Mildred Miller. Now Maureen wants to file suit against anyone who speaks out against her - her own organization's members.

I'll be waiting for my next fundraising letter, it will probably read Yes! I will protect Maureen from all the people who don't like her destroying the Federation. Yes! I will support her efforts to hunt down and financially destroy anyone who raises a voice to her tyrannical rein, any voice, no matter how small. (It has also been rumored that she called the company that a Board Member worked for in an effort to get him fired because he opposed her.)

Is this is a example of how a Health Freedom Organization works?

What is being done about the NHF goals while all these lawsuits will be going on? Will funds be siphoned off to pay these attorneys when we should be fighting the dietitian bills now popping up all over .

Dr. Jack Ritchason has been calling on the phone begging companies and individuals to support a outside lobbyist because Maureen and her henchmen saw fit to fire Clinton Miller, the only lobbyist NHF has know. Naughty, naughty, Clinton, you knew you were to only put your nose to the grindstone and not look up. You knew that! Why did you look up and see the corruption.

Sorry - Clinton, Off With Your Head.

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Dr. John Yiamouyiannis

Mauled On NHF Podium

Dr. John Yiamouyiannis was physically attacked and mauled from behind by Fred Nerio, Convention Chairman, in an attempt to silence him from giving his presentation at the recent Foster City Convention sponsored by the NHF.

Dr. Yiamouyiannis was a listed speaker on the printed program, as well as Clinton Miller, both having been told they had been cancelled from the speaker roster for attending the NHF Board Meeting held ten day previous and asking questions that could prove embarrassing to NHF President Maureen Salaman.

Clinton Miller was subsequently fired for attempting to ask questions concerning the charges by Board Members of financial irregularities and the forcing off of Board Members before their expired term.

After acceding to demands from the audience that they be given their committed speaking times.

Dr. Yiamouyiannis was attempting to voice his opinion about the alleged corruption in home office and the controversy concerning Maureen Salaman, her recently appointed board and free wheeling use of NHF monies for unsubstantiated

secretarial expenses and travel expenses.

This was not allowed by henchman Nerio who promptly tried to take the microphone away from Dr. Yiamouyiannis, who would not yield to Nerio demands that he get off the podium.

(Fred Nerio has been under scrutiny by the NHF membership for receiving over \$19,000 in "commissions" paid to him by his wife, Veronica Nerio, NHF Executive Director, for "services rendered." It has been questioned what services were rendered as most of the convention booths he received a sales "commission" on had already been sold prior to Fred's coming to the NHF.)

Fred, who works under his wife, then grabbed Dr. Yiamouyiannis around the neck in a wrestling hold in an attempt to force him from the podium and wrestle him to the ground.

The audience would not stand for the abuse and a melee followed involving numerous members and attendees confronting the guards the NHF had hired.

It took several minutes for order to be restored.

Numerous members and attendees asked questions of those who had gathered in another

room to explain the current happenings in the NHF.

Those who hosted the Health Freedom Forum meeting were Judith Todero, Julia Irons, Victor Earl Irons, Martha Andrews, Dr. John Yiamouyiannis, Dr. Joel Wallach, Carole Bradford, and others who are on Maureen's "hit list".

The Health Freedom Forum distributed flyers and presented several panels and speakers such as:

Mike Culbert
Clinton Miller
John Yiamouyiannis Ph D
Joel Wallach DVM, ND
Judith Todero
Carole Bradford
Pat Prince
Martha Andrews

In an attempt to inform the membership of the irregularities which are occurring, the concerned members and the board members answered questions and presented facts regarding false accusations and innuendos by Maureen Salaman.

SHAME ON YOU! MAUREEN

June 4, 1990

Maureen Salaman, President
National Health Federation
P.O. BOX 688
Monrovia, Ca. 91016

Dear Ms Salaman:

Since you did not have the consideration for the Federation members to make even a brief appearance at the Foster City Convention June 2 and 3, may I take this means of communication to call your attention to the following.

1. I am attaching a list of documents that were forthwith presented to your representative, Veronica Nerio, on Friday May 11, 1990 by Clinton Miller, who was acting on behalf of the Chairman of the Board, Al Battista. As many of us now know, Mr. Miller and Charles Crelelius, past president of NHF, were arrested when trying to ask for this information. This arrest will not stop the members from obtaining this information. As a member of the board of Governors, I demand that you comply with this request of our Chairman of the Board and supply this information forthwith, and no later than 5 days from this date. This suppression of documents and attempts by you and your staff members to deny NHF members pertinent information will not be tolerated.

2. As a past speaker for NHF, I want to publicly state that I refuse to accept any more speaking engagements with the Federation until

you resign, due to the fact that Dr. John Yiamouyiannis was physically assaulted by your convention chairman, Fred Nerio and hired guards, at the Foster City Convention as he delivered his scheduled talk! I emphatically state that I would be in fear for my safety as a speaker if I accept the platform to deliver any lecture at NHF gatherings since you promote such barbaric tactics.

Dr. John Yiamouyiannis has been a leading proponent of health rights for many years and has graciously given his talent and shared his expertise with the NHF for more years than you have been president. I am embarrassed for you Maureen, for directing such actions as the following:

A. The arrest of Clinton Miller and Charles Crelelius.

B. Acting in a illegal, reckless and power-consumed way to drive Board members to resignation, plus intimidating and alienating many other friends and allies of the Federation.

C. "Stacking" the Board by "appointing" individuals with whom you have a definite personal and/or financial interest, thereby creating an unconstitutional Board. I refer to such people as Scott Tips, your personal attorney. In addition John Anderson who supposedly was "elected" - though I question if this election was valid, is a Board member whom you have not only share a booth with at the conventions, but also sell his products on your platform at the NHF conventions. In addition, your latest and most flagrant mockery of the members trust was to appoint your ex-husband, Frank Salaman, to the Board! You are not only an insult to political and business

integrity, but an insult to the entire democratic system.

D. Using the funds of the National Health Federation as a conduit to sell the services, books, products, etc. of both you and your ex-husband, Frank Salaman, as evidenced by the following statement made by you under oath:

I have been President of the National Health Federation for five years and have maintained that position for the benefit of two businesses run by my husband, VitaChem International which sells speciality vitamins and enzymes; and Genesis West and/or Clinica Provida, a health facility in Mexico. I provided a platform on which he often spoke during the National Health Federation Conventions, describing the work done at the Mexican Clinic'.

E. Thinking you are somehow above your members by refusing to disclose to them and those of us on the Governing Board, reimbursement you may have received and/or compensation for convention booths, personal promotion for yourself and/or your books, including any discounted prices if any, as well as reimbursement you may have received for any expenses incurred. You are using members funds Maureen - and you have the audacity to refuse disclosure of this disbursement! (talk about biting the hand that feeds you!).

F. Continuing to put the future of the Federation in grave danger of extinction by using your mouth to engage in slanderous and libelous actions such as the Renner suit and now possibly another one. You accept our confidence in you as a responsible and law-abiding Officer of the Federation, and then you break the law and expect

expenses! You have flagrantly used the Office of President to suit your every whim regardless of law and certainly regardless of order.

G. Hiring (at members expense) Three security guards to obstruct the Chairman of the Board, an Emeritus Member and current Board Members, as well as other NHF members from the May 14th meeting at NHF Headquarters. Againputting many lives in physical jeopardy and inviting even more suits against our organization. I feel this latest fiasco has permanently and publicly injured the reputation of our Federation and certainly may prove to have additional financial consequences far into the future.

H. Trying to force the resignation of Clinton Miller by cutting his salary when he refused to bend to your dictatorial hammer. I now find you have fired him without Board action.

I. Hiring and directing such unprofessional people as Fred Nerio and Veronica Nerio to carry out your destructive and tyrannical actions such as the physical assault on Dr. John Yiamouyiannis at the Foster City Convention! Not only did you injure the reputation of all proponents of free speech worldwide, but in particular, you focused the attention of all health rights opponents on this despicable act. They, I am sure will take full advantage of the fact that "Dr. Yiamouyiannis was attacked by his own people when he attempted to deliver his speech at a health convention". This will make great headlines won't it, Maureen? Again, Can the NHF afford to defend you in yet another lawsuit?

For years Maureen, many people have tried to reason with you. They have seen your destructive and vindictive bent and the way you

rule rather than the exception. He was denied entrance along with the current Chairman and several other Board members. Guards had been hired to let in only those especially selected by the President - another first for NHF.

3. Perhaps most-disturbing of all is the move away from direct participation in the fight for health freedom. That fight has been NHF's main function and responsibility from the beginning.

IT IS TIME FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF YOUR ACTIONS!

Judith Todero
Member, Board of Governors

This tabloid would like to thank those who support The Health Freedom Forum with their physical, mental, financial, and spiritual strength.

Many have spent their time and talents, and several have donated equipment and monies in the name of FREEDOM!

THANK YOU

Maureen- Where Has All The Money Gone ?

Maureen has stated in several issues of Health Freedom News that the NHF now has over 28,000 members. Even if all the new members were Senior Citizen members at \$24.00 each, that would generate over \$672,000. The former book-keeper stated that the January 1990 income was over \$200,000 - that's a lot of money and Maureen will not give an accounting of the monies. We know she paid Fred Nerio \$19,000 for selling exhibit booths, some of which Dan Ray had already sold and been paid commission on.

Why won't Maureen open the NHF records to the Board? What is going on that she must hide? The whole attempt to oust Maureen is because she refused to disclose what she was doing with NHF money she received for secretarial expense. Is the money all gone? Fred has a new car, is that where NHF money went?

As President of the NHF she has a trust given to her by the NHF members which she has violated time and time again by not reporting the monies spent by her. She claims NHF is in poverty, yet what has she done with the \$ 800,000 ?

She has used Donsbach as a scapegoat for over a year now. We want a stewardship report of what she has accomplished, not what others did or did not do.

**WE WANT MAUREEN OUT NOW
BEFORE SHE KILLS WHAT IS
LEFT OF THE NHF! !**

Ex President Charles Crecelius Speaks

There are commitments preventing me from attending your San Francisco NHF Meeting, but I am with you in spirit. I send the warmest personal greetings to all the dedicated members who had to do with our success during my 16 years serving as President of the Federation - also to Clinton Miller and John Yiamouyiannis who led the fight.

In the interim, I have not been active in Federation management. Recent events, however, have forced me to stand up and be counted. I was rudely awakened when I accompanied Clinton Miller to NHF Headquarters. He carried a letter from the Chairman of the Board of NHF, authorizing him to secure information for consideration at a coming NHF Board meeting. The police were called and we were handcuffed and led away. These are my concerns:

1. There appears to be information that the President wants to keep secret even from the NHF Board. This has never happened in 27 years of Federation history.

2. The persecuted pioneers of the Health Freedom Movement whose names you would recognize, have been so badly mistreated that several have resigned from the NHF Board, while others have discontinued their support of the Federation. Their letters tell the story and there are many of them. They cite the NHF President as the problem. Before the last Board meeting started, I stood in front of NHF with 94 year old Earl Irons, past Board Member and Vice Chairman for many years - one who has given more money to NHF than any other individual. In one year alone he gave over \$ 80,000 and that may have been the

rule rather than the exception. He was denied entrance along with the current Chairman and several other Board members. Guards had been hired to let in only those especially selected by the President - another first for NHF.

3. Perhaps most-disturbing of all is the move away from direct participation in the fight for health freedom. That fight has been NHF's main function and responsibility from the beginning.

**IF NOT US.... WHO?
IF NOT NOW.... WHEN?**

The President's actions indicate that the same horrendous treatment is now to be directed at Clinton Miller and John Yiamouyiannis. Please remember how our past victories have been won. The brilliance of Clinton Miller and John Yiamouyiannis have been the key. They have developed strategy and given direction to our effort. With that leadership, our members were able to make a direct hit. Opportunities are at hand but without their guidance, victories will be difficult, if not impossible.

I am not alone in feeling that the future of the Federation is in great danger. I have prepared this message to relay my concerns. It is urgent that the current President of NHF be replaced. There are many dedicated members who could serve as President. - Action is Needed - the current President of NHF must be replaced

I send my love and warmest greeting.

Charles Crecelius

Clinton Miller Fired By Maureen Salaman

Dear Clinton and Bonnie:

This is to inform you, that your positions as lobbyist, for the National Health Federation, in your capacity as outside contractors, is terminated as of May 26, 1990.

We have greatly appreciated your many years of devoted service to the NHF, while acting in this capacity, and sincerely wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

A signed copy of this letter, by members of the NHF Board is forthcoming.

By authority of the Board.

Sincerely

Veronica A. Nerio
Executive Director
van

Signature of Board Member

After all the years service to protect our health freedoms this is all he received from the Salamanites after he crossed the line between friend or foe. His crime-- He talked to Kurt Donsbach (an old friend of many years).

Maureen has constantly argued about the past, let's see what she has done with the NHF since she has been able to run rampant this past year. She had since June-89 to show what her leadership can do.

During her first year she has succeeded in the following:

- Forced the following members off the NHF Board.
 1. Jonathan Wright MD
 2. Dale Lee
 3. Robert Atkins MD
 4. Charlie Fox
 5. Dale Alexander
 6. Kirkpatrick Dilling
 7. Alex Duarte
 8. Don Pickett
 9. Miriam Spaulding
- Had Clinton Miller and Charles Crecelius arrested at NHF headquarters.
- Refused access to any and all NHF records by the current Chairman Al Battista.
- Attempted to have Al Battista impeached and forced off the Board.
- Appointed a "replacement" Chairman bypassing the Vice-Chairman and while the current Chairman is still active.
- Appoints her "friends" to positions on the Board using illegal procedures.

- Excommunicates Chapter President and Chapter from NHF membership for asking questions.
- Maureen fails to appear at Foster City Convention, and Salamante supporters cause near riot in an attempt to silence the opposition.
- Dan Ray fired as Advertising Manager to make room for Executive Directors husband, Fred Nerio
- Clinton and Bonnie Miller fired for asking questions about NHF records.

- Caused several major company supporters to end all financial support with exhibit booths, advertising and donations.
- Attempted to cancel all Life and Perpetual Memberships and require members to pay annual dues again.

This but a small sample of the illegal and irregular items that have come to the attention of the public. It is unknown what financial irregularities have occurred during her reign and where all the money from the NHF treasury has gone.

NHF is not opposing any legislation nor introducing any legislation to protect our health freedoms which was what NHF was founded to do. We have become the private platform to hawk the wares of Maureen Salaman and her Salamantes.

I DEMAND MAUREEN'S RESIGNATION

Signature _____
 Print Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____

Mail to :
Mel Sharp
24580 Juniper Springs
Homeland, Ca. 92348

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE SITUATION AT THE NATIONAL HEALTH FEDERATION ? DO YOU THINK MAUREEN SALAMAN SHOULD BE PRESIDENT?

"At the Annual Board Meeting in 1986, I had written to all the Board Members and told them that Maureen Salaman should not be re-elected. I strongly advised against her re-election but was cast aside and from that time on I was on her "hit list". I tried my best to avoid these last four years of calamity for the Federation. I hope everyone will force her to resign and insist that she never again have anything at all to do with the National Health Federation. I was a Board Member for many years and lost all respect for the present administration.

Ray Evers MD
Past Board Member

"Maureen should have already resigned - long before things got to this point. NHF has always stood for freedom of choice issues, but now seems a tyranny has taken over."

Belle Howard,
Secretary/ Treasure,
Fayetteville, N.C. Chapter

"Absolutely - Maureen should resign! She should've been removed long before the situation deteriorated to this. Many good people have resigned because of her. Maureen Salaman is a trouble maker and antagonizes and alienates people."

Lorraine Rosenthal
Cancer Control Society

"Ten years ago I was on the NHF Board of Governors when Maureen Salaman became President of NHF. Bob Bradford wanted to take out \$15,000 of advertising one year which Maureen would not accept. He threatened to sue the NHF and since I was already embroiled in legal difficulties, and I know that a law suit would go against all of the Governors, I decided to resign. As I recall this is the same position as Bruce Halstead MD. Since that time neither of us have been asked to speak again by NHF. I believe NHF has helped me out tremendously by helping to obtain a pardon from Governor J. Brown. Furthermore, Clint Miller's advice has been very helpful to me through the years".

James Privitera MD
Past Board Member

"This is outrageous! It's insanity! She is obviously power-mad! We've got to get a reasonable person in office - someone who believes in health issues. How can this be that Clinton Miller was jailed and fired from the Federation"?

Connie McQuay, President
Akron Chapter

"It seems she is an ego-maniac. We can't afford this! When I started the Chapter she totally ignored any communication from me and in fact, treated me like dirt."

Marie Martin, President
Central Coast Chapter

"Due to a Certified letter from Scott Tips, Attorney for Maureen Salaman, CANAH cannot offer any comment whatsoever regarding the National Health Federation or Maureen Salaman, CANAH has been threatened by Scott Tips if any member of CANAH makes such comment".

Catherine Frompovich
Founder of CANAH

"I applaud the accomplishments to correct the situation at NHF. However, I was completely distressed about the convention at Foster City to see the turmoil and the confusion caused by Maureen Salaman. NHF needs a leader that will draw support for its objectives, instead of creating dissension".

Pauline Lind
NHF Supporter

"Maureen Salaman has impinged upon the integrity of the NHF and has hindered and disrupted the process of the NHF at every turn. Her tenure as president has been nothing short of disastrous, and she should not be allowed to continue in this position under any circumstances. I feel the NHF would be better supported with a new leader at the helm."

Bruce Halstead MD
World Life Research Institute

"I concur with everyone's comments concerning the removal and replacement of Maureen Salaman with the quickest legal procedure possible".

Dr. Hector de la Fuente

More Commentary from the Members

"Now that Maureen has lost the support of the NHF members, all as a ploy to prevent certain disclosures, her next move may well be to discredit, harass, and financially drain any and all who have initiated this movement, by resorting to the Courts and filing a frivolous lawsuit against them".

**Mike Culbert - Editor
Freedom of Choice Magazine**

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"A Pandora's box has been opened with the saga continuing into the separation of those who are truly interested in preserving our Health Freedoms, and those who are sitting on the sidelines obviously sacrificing principle for expediency".

**V. Earl Irons, NHF Governor
Emeritus**

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"We are now witnessing those who are willing to lay their reputation, talents and monies to preserve the freedoms that NHF has gained in the 35 years of existence. It is time to remain vigilant and be counted. As the days go on however, we are finding monopolies, self-interest, and infiltration into the organization and Maureen is not the only one who may be guilty of who knows what. Open its books to the members."

Julia Irons NHF Member

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"I feel strongly that Maureen Salaman should resign and that someone more compatible with the Board and NHF members should take over".

**Louis Popp
NHF Phoenix**

Maureen Get's Caught Red Handed

Maureen Salaman has been "caught by her "own" Board spending much needed funds to send her diatribe to the NHF membership **FIRST CLASS, PRINTED WITH A HIGH QUALITY PAPER, AND WITH TWO COLOR INKS. - very expensive for a organization that is constantly begging for money stating they are broke.**

The estimates of the cost of this expenditure estimated at over \$12,000 dollars of your donation money spent to make excuses and tell half-truths to the membership.

Her own Board member slapped her wrist at her Board Meeting called in her backyard (Milbrae) for this waste.

This is a prime example of how she saves the NHF from its imagined enemies. To qualify as a enemy all you have to do is disagree with her, a very easy thing to do, with all the tyrannical demands she is putting on the organization. You can become a enemy without you even knowing it. All you have you have to do is talk to someone on her "hit list" or make a statement she doesn't like or taken as anti Salaman to one who is a Salamanite and now you are a bonafide "enemy" of the Salamanites.

Apparently Chairman Al Battista and Vice Chairman Jack Ritchason spoke up once to often against Maureen and now(according to the Salamanite mailing,) they are no longer officers of the NHF and usurper Jay Arnoldus is now Chairman, what happened to Roberts Rules of Order, what happened to Roberts Rules of Order, they do not recognize tyrannical rule as proper, - and where dispensed with.!

Perpetual and Life Members Sold Down the River

Many of the early NHF members, and especially the Life and Perpetual Members worked long and hard and gave what they could to earn monies to buy a building that NHF could carry on the work of health freedoms with out the worry of not having a home. When the building was paid free and clear, a mortgage burning party was held with many of NHF founders and greats attending, Charles Crecelius, Victor Irons, Betty Lee Morales, Kurt Donsbach, etc. The building was now NHF's and safe, until now -----

Maureen and her stooges voted at her recent "board meeting" to take a **\$300,000 loan against the building** to fight the conspirators- against your building, in the name of your organization to fight her battles against the Life and Perpetual Members who want her out, and want to save the NHF before she totally destroys what is left after she was allowed to run rampant for the past year.

This is your money, the building was used to provide the reserve assets to protect those who paid for Life and Perpetual memberships, that your memberships would always be protected. All now sold down the river by the Salamanites, if they are allowed to spend your money in legal fees and harassment tactics of any one who opposes her. (It has been rumored that a Salamanite called Al Battista's boss and threatened a lawsuit against his employer, if they did not keep him from causing problems to the Salamanites.) That is how far they will go just to keep her in office. Sounds like the "tail wagging the dog".

DO NOT READ THIS EXPOSE IF YOU ARE AFRAID OF LOSING YOUR NHF MEMBERSHIP

Please beware of the danger reading this newsletter puts you in. If caught you are suspect and are in danger of losing your membership status in this organization.

Judith Todero spoke up at a recent board meeting, and is now being summoned to a kangaroo court called by Maureen Salaman to show cause why she should not be ex-communicated from the Board and her membership taken away for speaking out for the general NHF membership.

Al Battista spoke out and orders were given to security guards to keep Al Battista (current Chairman of the NHF Board of Governors) out of the Board of Governors meeting because he did not agree with Maureen Salaman. He was told he was not a member and could not attend the meeting, but much to the chargin of the oppressors he had a copy of "Health Freedom News" with his membership number and was able to force his way in.

Miriam Spaulding did not always agree with Maureen Salaman and was forced from the Board, and the Executive Committee.

Dr. William Campbell Douglas fell out of favor with Maureen Salaman and was forced from the board.

Dan Ray, who sold advertising for "Health Freedom News" on a commission basis fell out of favor - "off with his head" yelled Maureen, and he was fired. Dan was responsible for bringing in more advertising than anyone else to help pay the printing expenses of "Health Freedom News".

Don Pickett, who served on the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors did not always agree with Maureen and was forced out.

Martha Andrews a Chapter President from Atlanta asked that an audit be performed on the NHF monies Maureen had spent and Maureen exiled the Chapter and personally removed Martha as a member.

This just names a few who have questioned the President and learned: You Do Not Disagree With Maureen And Survive.

Apparently, Maureen, who is host of a "Christian" TV show, has forgotten to "turn the other cheek". Not only does she not turn the other cheek, to quote a letter "She is the most un-Christian person I have ever met. Her philosophy is "If you're not for me, you must be against me and I'll destroy you." Forgiveness, charity, and compromise to her are foreign words and a sign of weakness to be exploited."

"As I said before she is the problem and must be removed if N.H. F. is to survive and serve the role Fred Hart and many other have sacrificed and worked for."

The above quotes are from a letter sent to Martha Andrews from a former Board member, and member of the NHF Executive Committee who resigned in disgust at the unethical actions of the current President, Maureen Salaman.

As members you are no longer represented on the Board by those who were elected properly, but the Board is filled with Maureen Salaman's appointees, and those who would do her bidding. Who else would have Clinton Miller and Charles Crecelius arrested but Maureen Salaman and her henchmen?

Chapter President ousted by Maureen

Chapter President Martha Andrews a faithful member for over 19 years has had her membership cancelled by Maureen for questions asked by the Atlanta Chapter through a letter asking for clarification of several issues that had been raised.

Maureen called to threaten her and stated: I will sue you for everything you are worth!"

NHF attorney Scott Tip, apparently doing Maureens bidding wrote letter to Martha and put her on notice, and indicated "If you do not send a retraction of your October, 11, 1989 letters to all addresses... then I shall follow my clients' clear directive and immediately file legal action against you in Los Angeles, California. You will be forced to defend the action in California and to incur the accompanying legal expense and embarrassment of such a defense."

You don't ask questions without getting punished. For asking questions Martha lost her membership, her Chapter Presidency, and all the hard work to keep the Atlanta Chapter alive and well for asking questions of the other Chapter Presidents and for asking questions of the home office.

Why would a Chapter of the NHF be punished for asking questions? Veronica Niero sent a copy of the Scott Tips threatening letter to all Chapter Presidents in a not very veiled warning to stay in line and not question headquarters or you will get the same treatment.

The Chapters do not have the funds to fight, and so they have to bow down. Does NHF have so much money they can afford the cost to start all these lawsuits against their own people?

Clinton Miller Arrested and Fired on Orders of Maureen Salaman

Clinton Miller, known as Mr. NHF to the members and also among the various State and Federal legislators for his legislative work to insure our health freedoms had his freedom taken away when the present NHF Leadership had him arrested for coming to the NHF headquarters and asking questions about the rumored corruption among the current administration and the recent Board members appointed by Maureen Salaman.

It has been rumored that a piece of land located in Indio and given to the NHF in a bequest was sold to Executive Committee member Harold Terry at approximately 1/6 the appraised value.

It was also rumored that the current Executive Director, Veronica Niero, paid her husband, Fred Niero, over \$19,000 in commissions on booths, most of which had already been sold prior to his coming to the NHF, and some commissions that had already in fact been paid to Dan Ray for booths he had sold prior to his firing by Veronica to make way for her husband. Thus commissions were paid twice.

It was also rumored that President Maureen Salaman has both a NHF credit card, and a NHF phone card which reportedly she uses for personal business, and personal phone calls. She was to be asked to substantiate the over \$1200 per month she was paid for secretarial help because, in the past she has refused to document such monies she had been paid.

It had also been rumored that when Maureen Salaman "touted" the products sold by John Anderson (a recent appointee of Maureen Salaman to the Board of Governors) from the podium she was paid "commissions" on all his products sold at the NHF shows.

It has been rumored that over \$4000 in "free"

ads were run in Health Freedom News" at Maureen Salaman's demand which sold her books by a company which she owns.

It has been rumored that several "Mexican" clinics Maureen Salaman "touted" from the podium and through the NHF switchboard pay her a "referral" fee.

Maureen always stated in her lectures to the membership that she "works" for free for the Federation due to her dedication. We don't think so!!!

Testimony given under oath by Maureen Salaman, stated "I have been President of the National Health Federation for five years and have maintained that position for the benefit of two businesses run by my husband, VitaChem International which sells specialty vitamins and enzymes; and Genesis West and/or Clinica Provida, a health facility in Mexico. I provided a platform on which he often spoke during the National Health Federation Conventions, describing the work done at the Mexican Clinic"

No wonder Clinton Miller and Charles Crecelius were arrested when they appeared at the NHF headquarters seeking information prior to the scheduled Board meeting.

It is difficult to question anyones activities when you are handcuffed and in jail.

As a Life Member it is impossible for me to understand the actions taken against Clinton and Charles unless motivated by extreme fear, -the fear of discovery. In past issues of "Health Freedom News" we have read the negative comments about Dr. Kurt Donsbach. I now understand the reasoning behind the negative commentary, and the sturs against Dr Donsbach by Maureen and her cronies. It has been said that "The Best Defense is

an Vigorous Offense". To cover up her actions she has put into action a plan to discredit and to eliminate her "enemies", or anyone who would question her motivation and to charge Dr Donsbach with anything and everything she has apparently been doing. This is called projection, to accuse others of the evil you are doing. Maureen has gone even farther and rewarded her cronies with the NHF as the fat goose ready for her plucking.



Late Notice

We have received word that Dr. John Viamouyiannis and Clinton Miller have been removed from the NHF speaking schedule in Foster City by Maureen for speaking out against her at a recent Board Meeting.

PFS EX 5 FOR I.D.
August 16, 1990
LISA COSTANTINO
Culbert DEPOSITION

For Those With Inquiring Minds - Who I to Know

Why is it that the "old Board Members" kicked off the Board are from different parts of the country and the "New Board Members" (all but one) are from the San Francisco area and members of the San Francisco NHF Chapter. If you didn't know already and can't guess Maureen is from the San Francisco area and uses the San Francisco Chapter as her base. It sure doesn't take a rocket scientist to tell me we have something rotten in San Francisco, and Monrovia Headquarters.

Former Board Member Sends Support Letter to Al Battista

Dear Al,

We are so sorry that you are the one now who is being pushed off the Board. It does seem that unless Maureen can have her own people she can not function, and if she takes certain people off the Executive Board she can pad the Board to suit her.

It was necessary for me to resign, as Maureen used either letter from her prospective board members with untruths - or phone calls to cause mental strain within myself. It is not worth the stress of her vicious attacks to pursue. I was sorry to have to turn my back, when I realized the NHF needed other than Maureen's dominance, but it is not possible to stand the nervous strain.

Al, we know you are strong and can resist the slander, we know you are receiving from her through her vicious tongue and those associated with her on her "padded" board.

The beautiful principles of the NHF have been thrown out.

Miriam Spaulding
Ex Exec. Board Member

Recent Board Members Kicked Off the NHF Board by Maureen

Jonathan Wright MD
Seattle, WA
Dale Lee**
Springville, UT
Robert Atkins MD
New York, NY
Charlie Fox
Mission Viejo, CA
Dale Alexander
Hollywood, CA

**DALE LEE, PRES. OF NATURES SUNSHINE HERB CO. DONATED OVER \$20,000 TO THE NHF IN THE LAST YEAR. GOOD MOVE, Maureen !!

Board Members Appointed to the NHF Board at the meeting

Barbara Evans
Los Angeles, CA
Frank Salaman
San Francisco, CA
Shirley Potasz
San Francisco, CA
Charlotte Blackbourne
San Francisco, CA
Patrick Von Mauck

Support Letter for Martha Andrews

Dear Mrs Andrews:

I admire your tenacity. Most people would have done what Kurt Donsbach, Miriam Spaulding, Kirk Dilling and numerous others, including myself did - just figured the aggravation wasn't worth it and quit. Possibly you were right and we were wrong.

NHF's "problem" is Maureen Salaman - period! Her tirade, scheming, never-ending brow-beating simply wears people down. One person after the other would throw in the towel, resign and say "It's just not worth it." She is the most un-Christian person I have ever met. Her philosophy is "If you're not for me, you must be against me and I'll destroy you." Forgiveness, charity, and compromise to her are foreign words and a sign of weakness to be exploited.

As I said before, she is the problem and must be removed if NHF is to survive and serve the role Fred Hart and many others have sacrificed and worked for.

I gave thousands of dollars to the NHF and am a Life Member, - after resigning, I don't even get the magazine anymore.

Good luck in your fight for right.

Don Pickett

For more information about the ex communication of Martha Andrews write her at:

Martha Andrews
692 Sunnybrook Dr.
Decatur, Ga. 30033

To what limit will Maureen Go?

Attorney Dilling Barred from NHF

On May 14th I went to NHF Headquarters, Monrovia, for the purpose of attending a Special Board Meeting, also to act in conjunction with Board Chairman Al Battista as legal counsel and parliamentarian. Some recent financial and other irregularities of current NHF administration were to be on the Agenda. However, three hired "goons", apparently acting on authorization of NHF President Maureen Salaman, forcibly prevented me from even attending the meeting.

Since 1963 I have been an ardent supporter of the Federation, acting from time to time as speaker, lifemember, contributor of services, Board Member, and General Counsel.

The May 14th Police State tactic employed on me and on others violated every precept and philosophy for which the Federation has always stood, being outward evidence of an inward "sickness" on the part of its present administration which cries out for remedy.

Kirkpatrick Dilling



Guards Blocking the Stairs at NHF

Comments from American Biologics

As the Executive Officer of this organization, I wish to add my voice to the growing clamor across the nation for the removal of Maureen Salaman as President of NHF.

This woman has used and abused her position with NHF to forward her own aims, launch her own political and television career, push her self-published books, and to attack and destroy, vilify and defame everyone she thinks is in her way or against her.

American Biologics has long been on her "hit" list. She has gone out of her way to spread rumors, and gossip about American Biologics officers and hospital at all NHF meetings and has barred us from advertising and exhibiting, once she discovered our ad in the magazine, had the ad papered over with another ad in every available issue. This says a great deal about the mentality and character of this woman.

In the past virtually every rumor relative to AB-Mexico hospital (such as; we killed people with tainted Laetrile and tainted live cells, we weren't really the employers of Dr. Wolfram Kuhnau, we are not a legal organization etc.) always upon investigation, traced back to Maureen Salaman. Again, she was doing all this for personal, vengeful reasons.

While all this was going on, Maureen's passing herself off as a "born again Christian" who spouts the Bible at every possible instance.

The public image of the whole health movement has been sullied and cheapened by the emotional outbursts, vicious jealousies, back-stabbings, defamation, power plays, hypocritical actions and behind-the-scenes maneuverings of this possessed woman. She is an albatross around all our necks, a person none of us can afford to have in a leadership role.

Former Staff Member Waits 9 Hours Gets Only 5 Minutes with Maureen and Henchmen

Dan Ray, former Advertising Manager, was only given 5 minutes after waiting 9 hours to speak at the Board meeting. While #3 on Chairman Al Battista's agenda, he apparently was not on Maureen's agenda.

Dan, who has sold more advertising than anyone else at the Federation and has consistently averaged over \$70,000 dollars of advertising sold each year to help pay for the printing of "Health Freedom News" was fired by Veronica Niero to make way for her husband, who was reported to have been paid over \$19,000 in booth commissions at the Annual Meeting, some of which Dan Ray had sold and had already been paid for.

In his letter to Maureen, Dan stated "Why were 7 Board Members along with many long time supporters and key workers shut out of a scheduled Board Meeting by security guards? After a 9 hour wait, I finally got 5 minutes to state my case. Thanks a lot Maureen! I thought you were for freedom of speech."

Dan also stated "You told me everything would come out in the wash, but we never get to the wash! If you want to look at the wash, ask for copies of my three letters, one the board would not allow me to read, the one that thoughtfully responded point by point to the false and twisted accusations of me by Veronica. Also the problems with Fred Niero, if you even care."

I believe that for the NHF to survive, it needs new leadership! Not Fred & Veronica Niero, and Maureen Salaman!!!!

A Day of Shame and Pain for

National Health Federation

May 14 should go down in history as a crucial day for the NHF. Not that anything good happened, but that because this is the first time in its history that eminent member such as Clinton Miller, Kirkpatrick Dilling, Charles and Jeanette Crecelius, Victor and Julia Irons, NHF Chairman Al Battista and his wife, Dr. John Yiamouyiannis, and other NHF members had to physically force their way into the NHF Headquarters to attend a meeting. To add further to the shame and degradation of this great organization, three days prior to this, Clinton Miller, and Charles Crecelius with direction from Maureen Salaman's staff, were arrested and taken to Police Headquarters in handcuffs, when they requested documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Board, Al Battista for the scheduled meeting. Have we lost all sanity when we stand silently by and condone this type of sacrilege? Are there any other member out there who will not tolerate this tyranny and dishonorable conduct against our own people? Have we become so insensitive and corrupt that we will not retaliate against this kind of despotic action? The facts from one who was there.....

May 14, 1990: Chairman of the Board, Al Battista arrived at Monrovia Headquarters of the NHF, along with several members of the Board members Emeritus and their wives, plus other NHF members. As we tried to enter the building, our path was barricaded by three security guards hired to obstruct our entry and prevent us from attending the meeting. Historically, these meetings are open to the public, but here we were, having to physically force our way into the building!. This is certainly contrary to the way NHF has always conducted itself as

behavior is more representative of the tyranny that NHF has fought in the past.

Once we fought our way into the of the building, the guards then positioned themselves on the stairs and physically restrained anyone from going upstairs to the meeting. Maureen Salaman, Veronica and Fred Niero peered from the landing upstairs, instructing the guards to maintain the barricade to the point of physical violence. A few other of Maureen's cohorts were reinforcing the instructions to barricade, as well as positioning themselves on the stairs.

For over an hour, we were kept downstairs and not allowed to go to the meeting. Chairman, Al Battista in an attempt to reach some kind of settlement and because of obvious intimidation by the guards, agreed to go upstairs for a private meeting. After great length, Battista came down and said only the members of the Board would be allowed to go upstairs. All others including Clinton Miller, Kirkpatrick Dilling, Charles Crecelius, and John Yiamouyiannis, were denied entry to the meeting.

In the meeting, Chairman Battista was not allowed to carry out his function and as a result, a meaningful board meeting could not be held. Additionally, Maureen Salaman conveniently "appointed" enough new members to the Board to make any vote obviously one-sided, so that no motion could be dealt with fairly and objectively. Maureen and her sympathizers kept rudely interrupting and spewing out hostile comments to anyone who opposed them or made a motion contrary to their dictatorial liking. Emeritus member, Victor Irons was allowed into the meeting, but was never granted even a moment to address the board. Kirkpatrick Dilling against our objections, was restrained from the meeting and waited downstairs for over 5 hours for an opportunity to address the Board, but to no avail. Clinton Miller was denied access to the meeting, but was finally allowed to come in only

after several hours of waiting and after most of the meeting had ended, only to speak for a few minutes.

QUESTIONS MEMBERS SHOULD BE ASKING

1. By whose authority did Veronica Niero call in the Attorney General? By use authority did she call the Police to remove and falsely arrest Clinton Miller, and Charles Crecelius? Remember, this woman is only an employee- where did she get her direction.
2. What right does Fred Niero have to act as a "bouncer" in preventing NHF members access to its headquarters and under whose authority did this employee act?
3. Why were the figures and information requested by Chairman Battista not furnished to members for discussion, specifically the figures pertaining to expenses paid to Maureen Salaman?
4. Why were Clinton Miller and Kirkpatrick Dilling denied proper access to the meeting to participate or at least defend themselves against Maureen's charges?
5. Why was the important issue of dedicated chapter presidents charges against Maureen Salaman not discussed, even though it was on the agenda?
6. Why did Maureen Salaman have two lawyers, namely Judd Iverson and Scott Tips assisting her at the meeting, while Chairman Battista was denied the aid of Emeritus Board of Governor member Kirkpatrick Dilling? Who paid these two attorneys and by what authority?
7. Why was there a mass exodus of good people from NHF? Why are there mass companies who have been obstructed from advertising with NHF that could've brought much needed revenue?
8. Why was the Chairman refused the right to present pertinent letters regarding Maureen to the board for discussion? these letters included but were not limited to such prominent health right individuals as Drs. Privaterra and Halstead.

Whatever love for the Federation each of you possess. I implore you to push for an investiga-

Maureen Salaman has Former NHF President Charles Crecelius arrested for asking questions.

I had served as President of the National Health Federation for the 16 years following Fred Hart, the Founder of the Federation, who had served over 10 years as President. I had received a call from my long time friend and an employee of the Federation, Clinton Miller, to accompany him to the National Health Federation headquarters to look at the records. Clinton carried an authorization letter from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Al Battista, to secure information from NHF records for consideration at a specially called meeting of the Board scheduled for Monday May 14, 1990.

The information, if secured, could help to quell rumors that unsound business practices and special interests of Board members were being served by the current administration.

Clinton was fearful that even with full authorization, the recently hired guard placed just inside the door by NHF was there to prevent him from entering. This I couldn't believe, Clinton Miller who had been a faithful employee for over 28 years and served the NHF well by stopping the Dieticians Bills in most states, stopped the Postal Bill, stopped the Medical Monopoly and helped to preserve our health freedoms would be prevented from entering his own headquarters.

My wife Jeanette joined us as we went to NHF headquarters to experience what we believed couldn't happen.

The guard met us at the door and accepted Clinton's credentials, as any reasonable person would. We then went upstairs and when we reached the top of the stairs NHF management castigated the guard

for letting us in, ordered us out and said that Clinton Miller had no right to enter the building. Written authorization from the Chairman of the Board of Governors meant nothing to them, and we were threatened with the Police.

I was totally ignorant as to what I had done. I was asking only the most general questions, and not attempting or threatening in any way to move further into the building from the upstairs hallway. I felt I had to stay and see what I had done wrong. I never did find out.

In my opinion, the question asked were legitimate ones that any member should have the right to ask. Any member or employee would have gotten quick answers to these same questions at anytime during my term as NHF President.

Before NHF called the Police, they made a phone call to have their decision verified. Clinton Miller and I were then arrested, handcuffed, threatened, and taken to the the Monrovia Jail and holding tank.

The Police assumed from the phone call, that we were really bad guys. After questioning us, the Police could no fault and decided not to take responsibility for our arrest, and asked NHF to come to the station and sign papers to condemn us. Someone from the office promised to come to the Police Station and press charges, when no one came, we were released.

I am 69 years of age and for the first time in my life someone had me arrested. In my opinion the orders or authorization for the above described action would have had to come from the President of the Federation, who according to the NHF by-laws, is the Chief Legal Officer of the Federation.

I am left with a very big, and a very important question. What is Maureen Salaman trying to hide?

tion of the above and let your feelings be known. I am only one person and can simply bring this to your attention. The life of the NHF depends on your action to restore our organization to the wholeness, fairness, objectivity and unity. It is not only the right, but the obligation of its members to demand answers, to scrutinize and evaluate and make fair and decent determinations. Please contact me if you agree.

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Charles Crecelius Handcuffed

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NHF SUIVERTER QUIT!

Elmer Heinrich, president of Rockland Corporation, a long time supporter and donator of funds to NHF, has pulled all support from NHF because of unethical conduct of President Maureen Salaman. In a telephone interview, Mr. Heinrich indicated that Maureen Salaman had promoted a product from the NHF platform while speaking at the Chicago NHF convention, and then left the platform to go to the booth which sold the product and began selling it vigorously.

Rockland Corp. donated \$5,000 to the legal defense fund of the NHF in 1989 and bought booths and ads in NHF publications totalling over \$12,000 in the past year. Mr. Heinrich stated that an officer of an organization should not be so blatant as to wave a product in the air while lecturing as president of the organization.

The loss of such a strong supporter because of greed (Maureen Salaman is a distributor of the product she was promoting) is a great loss to NHF. The ethics of NHF have always been very strict as to officers promoting any brand name product. How much longer will the board of governors allow themselves to be bamboozled by this arrogant and unethical person? Ask Them!

The UNELECTED Majority!

If you think NHF's present Board of Governors was elected by you, the members, you could not be more wrong. Over and over, Maureen has been able to force many duly elected member of NHF's Board of Governors to resign. Once they have resigned, she packs the Board by quickly appointing those she can trust to do her bidding. (See list elsewhere in this publication) All members should object to this blatant misuse of her office

and request that a special election be held. Most of the members have no knowledge of this 'behind the scenes' maneuvering that Maureen is so adept at. If they knew, they would remove these imposters and elect individuals who have the interest of the NHF at heart, as the leaders for many years did.

This writer was totally unaware of the reason Dr. Donsbach resigned, since he did not publicly give the reasons. Later we heard some terrible rumors emanating from Maureen about his 'stealing' money from NHF - large sums like in the millions. When I questioned various Board members they all agreed that there was no evidence of even one penny missing after an in depth investigation. When we contacted Donsbach about this, he stated: "I could not morally remain in the position of Chairman of the Board of Governors when I knew that the President was using the NHF. The Board had been slowly stacked against me and would not support my inquiries into what I considered unethical activities, so I resigned. It was a very emotional, painful decision for me to make."

Dr. Donsbach was Chairman of the Board for fifteen years and during that time, the NHF fought and won some of their most prestigious victories in the health freedom movement. I personally remember that he paid for the repair of a leaking roof at NHF, made \$20,000 worth of improvements to the building at NHF, paid all of Dr. Mendelsohn's expenses when he was president of NHF and donated monies frequently. The slander and maligning of his character because he dared to question Maureen Salaman's actions is a sorry epitaph for a man who gave so much. Hopefully the membership will not believe the lies.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET

that I feel the necessity to voice my opinion regarding the happenings within NHF and my personal (and unpleasant) experiences with President Maureen Salaman. For some unknown reason, Maureen decided not only to dislike me, but ran a hateful, spiteful campaign against me. She became paranoid about some other (female) competing in the freedom of choice movement and stated "I'll run them all out of business - NHF is the sole spokesperson for the freedom of choice movement."

I later queried the Chairman of the Board and other Board members and found out this was not their attitude at all. One time I was asked to a 'confidential' meeting with Maureen. I went, only to find that Maureen had set up a Spanish inquisition and assault on me, my religion, my loyalty. She named people I called friends saying "When you are friendly with my enemies, you become an enemy. On this list she named the Bradfords, Mike Culbert, Mike Evers, Dr. Bruce Halstead, etc."

She should resign her presidency, and one wonders why she fights so hard to hold an honorary position. Is it EGO? Or FINANCIAL GAIN? Maybe an independent auditor (as I understand Dr. Donsbach requested) should come in and go over the books, records, and her expenditures.

Maureens attempt to manipulate the Board to take away the charter of the Atlanta Chapter of NHF is the most disgraceful and illegal thing I can imagine. One does not close down a chapter just because the long time president of that chapter asked for some financial information (which was not given). As in any corporation, the Board runs the organization and selects a president that is accountable to them and the members. The president has no real power unless the board votes to support the president's actions. DOES THE NHF MEMBERSHIP BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT ACTIONS DESERVE TO BE SUPPORTED? ARE THEY EVEN AWARE OF THE ACTIONS?

Maybe the membership of NHF should write the individual Board of Governors (if you can get an up-to-date list) and let their feelings be known. It would appear that swift action is necessary if we want to salvage the NHF from total destruction. It is already too late for a moderate approach, actions of President Salaman must be curtailed very soon. Dr. Marie Steinmeyer. IACVF

TO: NHF BOARD OF GOVERNORS NHF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ALL NHF MEMBERS FROM: CLINTON MILLER

On November 16, 1989, NHF President Maureen Salaman phoned us long distance and asked us to turn in our written resignations in return for not publishing a confidential letter I had written. We refused. On November 17, 1989, we received a 4-page fax from NHF's Exec. Dir., Veronica Nerio, confirming Maureen's request for our resignations. Veronica explained the reason she and Maureen were requesting our resignations: "...we will not tolerate co-mingling with others that are trying to destroy this organization."

A footnote at the end of the fax indicated that a copy had been sent to NHF's Board of Governors. Up to the present time, we have not found that any other members of the Board of Governors wanted us to resign, or even received a copy of this fax.

If employees are to be fired or asked to resign because of 'co-mingling' with 'others' that are trying to destroy this organization, it is only fair that we know who these 'others' are! DOES MAUREEN ARBITRARILY DECIDE WHO THE 'OTHERS' ARE? HOW OFTEN IS HER LIST OF 'OTHERS' UPDATED? DOES NHF'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS VOTE ON HER 'OTHERS' LIST?

Maureen has made it clear to us that a partial list of the 'others' she and Veronica have arbitrarily decided are:

1. Andrews, Martha (NHF Chapter Pres.-Atlanta)
2. Batista, Al (NHF Board Chairman)
3. Bradford, Bob (Pres. American Biologics)
4. Bradford, Carol (CEO American Biologics)
5. Card, Hal (Ex-operations manager, NHF)
6. Culbert, Michael (Ch. of Brd. Freedom of Choice)
7. Dilling, Kirkpatrick (Gen. Counsel of NHF for 20 yrs)
8. Donsbach, Kurt W. (Ex-Ch. of Brd of NHF for 15 yrs)
9. Douglass, Wm (Ex-Brd. Memb. & Med. Adv. NHF)
10. Evers, Michael (Pres. of CURE)
11. Evers, Ray (Ex-Brd. Member NHF)
12. Frompovich, Catherine (Pres. of CANAH)
13. Heinrich, Elmer (Former Staunch NHF Supporter)
14. Irons, Victor (One of the Original Founders of NHF)
15. Lea, Dale (Brd Member NHF)

16. Jenks, Jim (Brd Member NHF)
17. Pickett, Don (Ex-member of NHF Board, Sec-Treas)
18. Ray, Dan (Ex-adv. mgr, NHF Health Freedom News)
19. Richason, Jack (V-Chairman of Board NHF)
20. Robm, Osmon (Brd Member NHF)
21. Rosenthal, Lorraine (Ex-member of NHF Board)
22. Sharp, Mel (Pres. Hemet NHF Chapter)
23. Spaulding, Miriam (Ex-member of NHF Board)
24. Steinmeyer, Marie (Pres. IACVF)
25. Todero, Judith (Brd Member NHF)
26. Vnak, John (Brd Member NHF)
27. Wallach, Joel (Ex-member of NHF Board)
28. Yismouyianis, John (Ex-Science Dir. NHF)

We know of not one of the ex-members of the Board on the list above who did not resign because of Maureen or were forced off by Maureen.

When we learned that the constantly growing list of those whom we could not 'co-mingle' with included some of our closest and lifelong friends, we made two firm decisions:

1. We would continue to openly and freely co-mingle with all our friends even though Maureen and Veronica said they "will not tolerate" it.
2. We would not resign from NHF.

It didn't take long for us to learn that when Maureen Salaman asks employees, board members or officers to resign from NHF, and they dare refuse her request, she will make life as miserable as possible for them. In our case she cut off our salary:

It costs us over \$2,000 per month just for the expenses of NHF's Washington D.C. office (phone, fax, paper, postage, rent, copy machine, transportation, etc). Our compensation to run the Wash. office was \$6,000 per month, including all the above, plus my and Bonnie's salary. As soon as Maureen forced Don Pickett to resign as NHF treasurer, she cut our total down to \$2,000 per month, which barely covers hard expenses.

Maureen and Veronica said that our pay was cut because there were no funds to pay them. However, NHF's ex-bookkeeper reported Veronica Nerio paid her husband, Fred Nerio, \$19,000 in the single month of January, 1990. The bookkeeper was fired by Veronica for revealing this information to a board member.

Before her firing, Veronica asked her several times whether she thought Hal Card had taken NHF money. Her answer was "absolutely not!" (Maureen and Veronica have con-

stantly accused Hal Card of stealing funds but have never offered proof.

THE AX FALLS

On May 21, 1990 I received a fax signed by NHF's vice president, Harold Terry (acting on whose orders?), informing me:

"The board will be meeting in the near future to determine your continuing status with the NHF. Until this is resolved, we are removing you as a speaker from future NHF conventions."

I respectfully request that all NHF members be allowed to attend the board meeting at which it will be decided if Bonnie and I are to be fired. I also request that a complete recording/transcript be made of the meeting which will be available to those members who are unable to attend. I also respectfully request this OPEN LETTER be included in the next issue of Health Freedom News.

Editors Note: Clinton and Bonnie Miller are probably the best known of all NHF representatives. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were always confident enough in their belief that a right cause was worthy of your best effort, that legislative miracles occurred under their tutelage. To be treated in this fashion, particularly when they have literally sacrificed their whole life for the NHF is shameful. Maureen Salaman, whose NHF expenses were not cut, received a multi-million dollar divorce settlement just recently. This whole mess is worthy of a soap opera plot. Wake up, Board Members!

VIDEO AVAILABLE

A video tape composed of footage taken by Mel Sharp, Hemet Chapter President and Julia Irons, wife of Victor Earl Irons is available for viewing. The sordid details of the 'goon squad', hired by Maureen to keep Board Members and NHF Members out of the headquarters building are here in vivid color. You will hang your head in shame when you see to what lengths this woman will go to keep records secret. Cost of the video cassette is \$15.00 Order from:

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SAVE N.H.F.

A REPLY TO MAUREEN SALAMAN'S TABLOID

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AUGUST 1990

Maureen Salaman, President of National Health Federation, is a dynamic person of many outstanding qualities. With her ability to speak and write, her public image is hard to surpass.

Behind this facade is another person - vindictive, cunning, domineering, power-thirsty, with an overwhelming urge to destroy anyone who is a threat to her preeminence. These adverse characteristics, which could prove detrimental to National Health Federation, are matters which this paper addresses.

The purpose of this paper is to enlighten members, who have a right to know, and save N.H.F. from the path of despotism where it is now headed.

CONTROLLED INFORMATION

A recent tabloid from N.H.F. headed "The Real Facts"; should have added, "according to Maureen". (It didn't even have the word "siege" spelled correctly on front page). By demanding that all information go through headquarters, plus controlling the platform and magazine, N.H.F. President Maureen Salaman can give as "the facts" whatever she wants the Board, members and public to know. Her recent tabloid, CONTAINING PART TRUTHS, UNTRUTHS, AND OMITTING TRUTHS, is no exception!

THE DONSBACH STORY

Dr. Kurt Donsbach, former Chairman of Board of Governors National Health Federation, after several attempts to get action from the Board, sent a mailing to chapter presidents charging President Maureen Salaman with FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES, and with accusing Dr. Donsbach and Mr. Hal Card (past Operations Manager) publicly of pilfering \$1 million from the Federation, which they flatly deny. In the tabloid Ms. Salaman said he (Dr. Donsbach) had the votes of the Board; however, Dr. Donsbach, indicating the Board is "hers", threatened to sue her and THE ENTIRE BOARD for doing nothing about his charges but "go along" with the President. In the tabloid SHE GAVE NO HINT OF HIS CHARGES AGAINST HER.

In giving "The Donsbach Story" she wrote, "This campaign was, in fact, aimed at destroying the N.H.F." This phoney propaganda, given as fact, is based on the false premise that to question the president's actions is to try to destroy the Federation. This falsehood is used throughout the tabloid to apply to all who disagree with her.

She didn't say that AT LEAST 10 BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS RESIGNED IN 1988 REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF HER, including the

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, Operations Manager, Office Manager, other Board and staff members.

CONDITIONS AT HEADQUARTERS ANSWERED

"MISSING" RECORDS. Maureen said that her appointee Executive Director Veronica Nerio "rescued N.H.F. from the brink of chaos" left by resigned Operations Manager Hal Card. They claim "the records disappeared"; but according to Mr. Card, during the Dr. Renner court case the judge subpoenaed the records, and when they went to get them THE RECORDS WERE GONE! "They were there when I left," says Mr. Card, "but how do I prove it?"

MISSING NAMES. Charges are that the membership list was in a state of chaos. Reportedly there was a new costly computer; a man was hired to set it up so that form letters could be personalized. The man was nearly through when they fired him and threw out his work. Reportedly IT WAS MAUREEN'S CREW who lost the names from the computer, WHILE ACCUSING OTHERS!

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE "HEAD". According to faulty by-laws, the president is "legal head" of the corporation. (Correctly the President should be "executive agent of the Board." No officer of any organization should be given power that supersedes that of the Board which appoints him). However, no matter how she tries to pass the buck about conditions of the office, as "legal head" THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON HER!!!

UNANSWERED FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

The Board (which does whatever she wants) has allowed her expense money for conventions, etc. Why isn't there an accounting?

The Board has allowed her \$1000 to \$1200 per month for office expenses at her home. Why has she refused to document this?

What has she paid for full page ads and booth space to sell her books published by a company she owns? It is claimed this is in exchange for allowing N.H.F. to keep profits from books they sell. What about some figures?

Regular dues were increased 80%, senior dues 100%, and so-called "life members" now pay annual dues. This should net close to \$1 million. What has happened with this money? Why is N.H.F. in such dire financial straits?

What happened with the money in Maureen's million dollar club? What happened to the records? What has her law suits cost N.H.F.?

According to resigned Treasurer Don Pickett, N.H.F. funds have been fragmented out for law suits, etc. (thus dues had to be raised!)

When people get too inquisitive about finances, why "remove" them from N.H.F.? (chapter charter recalled, fired, impeached, etc.)?

"FINANCIAL FOUNDERING"

Maureen wrote that when Don Pickett past treasurer resigned, N.H.F. was \$200,000 in debt. What she didn't say was that it was she herself who brought such debt, due to two tremendous law suits caused by Maureen's sounding off from the platform and in the magazine!

Reportedly Don Pickett has put thousands of dollars into N.H.F. when it was desperately needed, which Maureen DID NOT MENTION!

ABOVE THE BY-LAWS

Ms. Salaman mentioned several times about being a stickler to the by-laws. Actually she has ASSUMED POWERS far exceeding that of the already too-liberal by-laws. The BOARD is to manage and control the affairs, business and finances of the corporation, according to the by-laws; the president is in charge of activities. But SHE HAS PRESUMED TO BE OVER EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY!

According to the by-laws, the Board is to appoint and remove at pleasure ALL officers, agents and employees of the corporation, other than Board of Governors, prescribe duties, and fix compensation. However, the President has wrongly taken it upon herself to REMOVE OR APPOINT various employees, and has vested virtually limitless power, which was not hers to bestow, upon her illicitly-appointed Executive Director Veronica Nerio.

USING N.H.F. FOR PERSONAL GAIN

Ms. Salaman made a remark that "Freedom of various individuals to use the Federation for private purposes and personal gain are gone." FALSE!

There is hardly a person who has used the organization for personal gain more than Maureen Salaman to promote herself, her books and reportedly to promote products of companies in which she has interest or from which she gets kick-backs! This is VIOLATION OF THE "ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION" AND ILLEGAL!

A charge against Ms. Salaman is that she said under oath at her divorce hearing (for which she reportedly received a multi million dollar settlement), that she was staying in N.H.F. to promote her husband's businesses, and to allow him to use the N.H.F. platform to promote his clinic in Mexico!

Speakers are pledged not to use the platform for personal gain, and are told to refer such questions to their booths. At the recent San Francisco convention her ex-husband Frank Salaman mentioned the name of his clinic repeatedly in his speech, giving prices, etc.

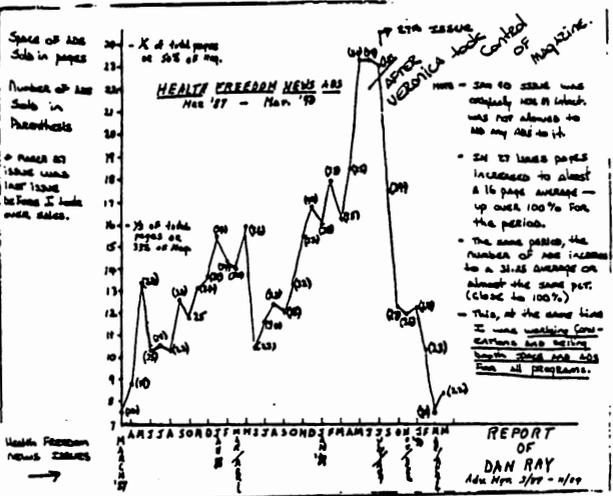
CLONE

We do not question Veronica Nerio's abilities, but we do wonder at her being Ms. Salaman's CLONE, and question the powers she has assumed under Salaman's sanctions.

BOARD HIRED, VERONICA FIRED

The BOARD hired Dan Ray as Advertising Manager; it was NOT Veronica's prerogative to fire him (reportedly to make way for her husband) nor to hire her husband nor fix his compensation. If her husband should do poorly, who

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Health Freedom News Ads under Dan Ray as Advertising Manager, and Since Veronica Nerio Took Control of the Magazine

would remove him? Maureen wrote that Dan Ray "was not selling enough ads". The truth is that Dan Ray sold more advertising than anyone else; it has dropped considerably since Nerio's took over. Reportedly the number of booths at the Florida convention was pathetic.

Allegedly Fred Nerio was paid commissions on some booths which had already also been paid to Dan Ray (PAID TWICE). Why didn't Maureen address that?

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS DISHONORED

Types of memberships are set up in the by-laws. Nevertheless, Ms. Salaman took it upon herself to send a letter on N.H.F. letterhead to life members appealing to "sportsmanship", indicating there would no longer be life memberships offered, adding "You have options--a regular membership or senior membership". It was not her prerogative to change the by-laws, and to require annual dues is a BREACH OF CONTRACT in the name of N.H.F., and is ILLEGAL.

BLIND SALE

Headquarters, "to make ends meet", sold to Vice Pres. Harold Terry some property at Salton Sea which had been given to N.H.F. Ms. Salaman wrote that a selfless act was perverted. FALSE! Actually the controversy is that it was sold without their getting an appraisal or any idea of its value; some claim it was sold for far less its value. A contact with the tax assessor's office would have given some idea!

CHAPTER CHARTER RECALLED FOR ASKING QUESTIONS, TELLING TRUTH

The Executive Board of Atlanta Chapter sent a letter on October 11, 1989 to individual N.H.F. Board members asking for clarification of charges of financial irregularities against the President.

Martha Andrews, president of Atlanta Chapter, was severely reprimanded by her highness and Veronica Nerio for not going through headquarters for "the facts". Maureen had her attorney threaten her with a suit, and when she fought back with a letter, the President had her Executive Committee vote (4 to 2, 1 abstention) to RECALL THE ATLANTA CHAPTER CHARTER!

N.H.F. Vice President Harold Terry is quoted as having said he didn't know why he voted as he did, he just "went along"!

They have yet to come up with a single charge against her. She has violated no law nor by-law, nor can they sue for anything she has written, because it was TRUTH!

Ms. Salaman included in the

tabloid a letter she solicited from a leader in the Populist Party regarding a matter in 1984-85, which had nothing whatsoever to do with N.H.F.; the person who wrote the letter did not know all the story, and Maureen knows it! It was DELIBERATE DECEPTION to include the letter, and shows how far she had to go to find something against Martha Andrews. (Yet she wants her removed.)

MILLER INVESTIGATED, CLEARED

Maureen called a special Board meeting for May 14. A few days prior to that, Clinton Miller was in Monrovia wanting access to certain files for the meeting. The information he was seeking was the same about which Dr. Donsbach had made charges earlier, and the Atlanta Chapter had asked for clarification--no one being able to get the information desired.

Veronica turned up information that Mr. Miller had opened a bank account in D.C. area several years before, about which the California office didn't know. He has been N.H.F. Legislative Advocate in Washington for 27 years. What's wrong with having a bank account for that purpose? (Except headquarters didn't have "control"! It appears as if Veronica Nerio used this to create an issue to use against him. (A communist tactic).

Based on this, Veronica called for the Attorney General's office to make an investigation of Clinton Miller, also Kurt Donsbach, and Hal Card. What Maureen did not say in the tabloid is that about two weeks later the Attorney General's office closed their books on the case; i.e., THEY FOUND NOTHING AMISS!

However, this was used at the time to prevent Mr. Miller from entering headquarters, (his place of employment!) because "he was under investigation"!

CLINTON MILLER ARRESTED

On May 11, Mr. Miller went to the Monrovia headquarters with a letter from Board Chairman Al



Charles Crecelius Handcuffed.



CLINTON MILLER ARRESTED

Battista asking for copies of minutes and certain financial records, to which the Board Chairman is entitled. He took with him Charles Crecelius, former President of N.H.F. for 16 years, as a witness, and Mrs. Crecelius. After two phone calls, apparently to get instructions, Veronica CALLED THE POLICE, who arrested the two men for "trespassing." When no one would press charges, the men were released!

DAY OF INFAMY

On May 14 a group of people arrived at headquarters, but to find themselves barred from entering the building by 3 hefty guards. The group had to literally fight their way into the building, whereupon the guards stationed themselves on the stairs, preventing their going to the meeting.

Maureen, Veronica and Fred Nerio reportedly gave instructions to the guards from the landing to detain the people downstairs "to the point of violence"!



Guards Blocking the Stairs at NEEF

Among those who were so rudely and disrespectfully treated were 7 Board members, including the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman, Drs. Al Battista and Jack Ritchason, Legislative Advocate Clinton Miller, former N.H.F. president Charles Crecelius, former Legal Counsel Atty. Kirkpatrick DITTING, former Science Director Dr. John Yiamouyiannis, former Advertising Manager Dan Ray, emeritus Board member and charter member of N.H.F., 95-year-old V.E. Irons, some wives, chapter presidents, and members, ALL OF WHOM WERE THERE TO SAVE THE FEDERATION Maureen wrote

only 7 were N.H.F. members. THAT IS UNTRUE!

Why were these people there, many having travelled great distances? Because THEY CARE about N.H.F., and want to save it from infamy!

They VEHEMENTLY DENY Maureen's accusation that there was cursing, spitting, and obscenity. One person admits calling her a "liar" (a four-letter word). Maureen's using the expression "four letter words" in its usual context, is DELIBERATE DECEPTION!

The voting Board members were finally allowed to go upstairs to the meeting, while most of the others waited downstairs for nine hours without chairs, drinking water, or rest room, wanting to be heard by the Board. In many states it is unlawful to bar members of a non-profit organization from its Board meetings.

MAUREEN REMOVES OPPOSITION, STACKS BOARD

A big flaw in the by-laws is that the President gets to appoint replacements to vacancies on the Board which appoints the President, such appointments to be approved by the Executive Committee, which is "hers". But first there has to be vacancies.

To CREATE vacancies, the president proceeded to "disqualify" certain Board members who were absent, using as a reason that they had not paid their dues. Members of the Board who were there in 1981 when the by-laws were last revised, agree that the intent was that qualified non-members could be asked to serve on the Board. However, her attorney interpreted the by-laws to mean Board members had to be members of the Federation.

Be that as it may, the President being "legal head" is responsible for having seen that the names on the ballots were proper. Where was she? Besides, Board members are elected for three-year terms, and she arbitrarily removed them in the middle of their elected terms.

\$20,000 CONTRIBUTOR DISQUALIFIED Board member Dale Lee, head of Nature's Sunshine, reportedly gave \$20,000 to N.H.F. last year; N.H.F. could have well afforded to have given him a membership. However, that did not fit into Maureen's maneuver; she needed his seat, so she "disqualified" him!

Needing another vacancy for Salmon's shenanigan, she reportedly asked Dr. Robert Atkins MD of New York to leave, because he couldn't attend meetings! (He lived in the same place when she approved the ballot!) Non attendance is NOT legitimate cause for removal from the Board.

It so happened that all whom Maureen kicked off or asked off the Board on May 14 had allegedly

SOME PROXIES (which were disallowed) to the group DISAGREEING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ANTI'S! ALL had been duly elected by the membership.

MALFEASANCE

Who were the people barred and detained downstairs reportedly "to the point of violence?" SHE WAS BARRING HER OPPOSITION FROM THE MEETING! The seven voting Board members were allowed to enter AFTER their colleagues had been removed!

Having created the right number of vacancies, she then put her appointees (who were present) in their places, people who knew virtually nothing about what was going on, (undoubtedly according to plan).

Maureen attempted to describe a riot scene. Can those who grasped the subterfuge which was taking place be blamed for protesting and speaking out, even vehemently, against SALAMAN'S SLEAZY SCHEME?

"FIXED" DECISION

The first item on Maureen's May 14 agenda was "take care of Martha Andrews once and for all." To suspend or expel a member requires a 2/3 vote of the Board (or 18 if all are present). AFTER Maureen's malicious maneuver the vote was 17 to 6 (one of the 7 having gone) to retain Atlanta Chapter, but suspend Martha Andrews. MAUREEN GAVE NO HINT AS TO HOW THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED!

(NOTE TO THE READER: Should a person be expelled for sending out a paper such as this to those who have a right to know? Apparently Maureen, her stooges and greenhorn appointees think so! Martha has not received official notice; they have yet to make any charges, allow due process, or prove guilt of any wrongdoing. She is still getting out her papers and letters, and has been reelected president of Atlanta Chapter by acclamation!)

Why doesn't Martha wash her hands of this whole mess? Because she cares about N.H.F. and is determined that a spiteful slippery salamander shall not drive her out for asking questions and telling the truth!

In order to remove a member from the Board of Governors there has to be 2/3 vote of the full Board, or 18. There was a vote as to whether to retain Ms. Salaman, and "manipulating Maureen" boasted in the tabloid that the vote was 18 to 4 to retain her!

WELL ORCHESTRATED. The prissy prey allegedly sat calmly while Maureen's marauders did the dirty work for her.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Atty. Scott Tips, her appointee to the Board last year (who was not on the 1990 ballot and has not been duly elected) does some legal

QUESTIONS MEMBERS SHOULD ASK

By whose authority did Veronica Nerio call in the Attorney General? By whose authority did she call the police to falsely arrest Clinton Miller and Charles Crecelius? Remember this woman is an EMPLOYEE - where did she get direction?

What right does Fred Nerio have to act as a "bouncer" in preventing N.H.F. members access to its headquarters, and under whose authority did this EMPLOYEE act?

By what authority did Veronica deny the information requested by Chairman Battista and Clinton Miller, specifically the figures pertaining to expenses paid to Maureen Salaman?

Why were Clinton Miller and Kirkpatrick Dilling denied access to the meeting to at least defend themselves against Maureen Salaman's charges?

Why did Maureen Salaman have two lawyers, namely Judd Iversen and Scott Tipps assisting her at the meeting, while Chairman Battista was denied the aid of Emeritus member Kirkpatrick Dilling? Who paid these two lawyers and by what authority?

Why was the Chairman of the Board refused the right to present pertinent letters regarding Maureen Salaman to the Board for discussion?

work for her. He sits on the Executive Committee and Board of Governors as Secretary and Legal Counsel, abstaining from voting because of "conflict of interest", yet reportedly is vociferous in fomenting opinion at such meetings.

John Anderson's products are advertised on Maureen's TV shows, and she touted them from the platform to the disapproval and loss of other advertiser. Can he vote unbiasedly?

One of her recent appointees to the Board is her ex-husband Frank Salaman. Can he be neutral?

HATCHET HARMONY

In the tabloid Maureen explained the purpose of the May 14 meeting as being to "find a way of creating harmony ..." Jay Arnoldus, one of her more recent appointees, in his open letter described the purpose as "...an attempt .to gain some medium of cooperation." Apparently Maureen's idea of "creating harmony and cooperation" is to chop down elected Board members and all who disagree with herself and replace them with her personally-selected appointees.

OUT OF 27 MEMBERS ON THE BOARD, ONLY ABOUT 7 REMAIN WHO WERE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP; ALL OTHERS ARE HER HAND-PICKED PUPPETS!

MONKEY BUSINESS

Her apologists for the most part are relatively new and her appointees. These monkeys include such "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil" persons as Harold Jerry, Vice. Pres. (her appointee last year, but not on ballot for proper election in 1990); Scott Tips, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Garry Gordon, Treasurer; Steuart McBirmie, Andrew McNaughton, Jeffrey Harsh, most of her appointees and selections for nominees, others.

Those who have been there longer, and usually those elected by the members or appointed to the staff by the Board, for the most part, see another person, vindictive, cunning, power crazy, who would go to virtually any length to stop anyone who is a threat to her preeminence.

CLINTON MILLER FIRED

Mr. Miller has been on N.H.F. staff for almost 30 years, and knows the inside goings on better than almost anyone else, apparently too much for Ms. Salaman's comfort! He is one of the best-known and best-liked persons in the organization.

Maureen withheld the information from the tabloid that in fall '89 she had tried to get Mr. Miller to resign, and threatened to publish in Health Freedom News a letter he had written if he did not resign. He refused, so she published the letter; and to freeze him out, withheld his already-cut salary.

Mr. Miller received an unsigned letter from Veronica Nerio dated May 26, stating that his and his wife Bonnie's services were no longer needed as of that date. There was no advance notice, no charges were given.

Maureen said it wasn't she, but the Executive Committee which voted to FIRE CLINTON MILLER. She did not tell that the Exec. Com. is "hers" and does whatever she wants. She has a knack of having others do her dirty work and passing the buck onto them!

(Incidentally, it is the Board, not the Executive Committee, not the President, not the Executive Director, which has authority to hire and fire!)

Maureen wrote that Mr. Miller worked on the "Foods are not Drugs" bill for 3 years, and his successor pushed it through in 2 months. Could the new man have done that three years ago? Is it not probable that Mr. Miller's "appointed" successor (which was not Maureen's prerogative to appoint), had success because Mr. Miller had laid the groundwork?

Clinton Miller reportedly has had numerous offers of positions which would pay far better than N.H.F. could afford. Why is he clinging onto N.H.F.? Because he cares and wants to save it from jeopardy.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S HEAD ON CHOPPING BLOCK

Al Battista, Chairman of Board of Governors, received notice that he would be "impeached" on July 9. What has he done wrong?

Dr. Battista has endeavored to get justice and fair play in the Atlanta Chapter matter; he has tried to take his rightful place as Board Chairman, naming the nominating committee according to by-laws (which she has been doing, thus virtually naming the nominees), investigating charges, wanting records to which he is entitled, and is endeavoring to take his rightful place as Chairman of the Board, and get N.H.F. back on the right track.

But Maureen wants a Board subservient to her dictum, and wants him removed—he is a threat to her preeminence!

She had little to say against him in the tabloid except that "he is not a member." This is an outright lie, and she knows it! He went to the May 14 meeting with four cancelled checks: for his membership, 2 gift memberships, and a contribution to N.H.F., all totalling over \$160; he also had a copy of the listing in the magazine giving his number. Nevertheless in the tabloid she made big ado over their not having "any record" of his membership!

Pressure is being put upon his place of employment, apparently to cause him to lose his job. Earlier Veronica barred the Chairman of the Board from headquarters and from using N.H.F. equipment.

(Never was any person, member, Board or Staff member barred from N.H.F. headquarters until Veronica took control.)

Why is he hanging in there? Because he cares about N.H.F. and wants to return it to its original purpose.

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO KNOW THE TRUTH?

Are members of N.H.F. entitled to know what is done with our money? Are you entitled to know about Clinton Miller's being arrested and fired? Are members entitled to know about the infamy of May 14? Would you expect to learn the truth on these matters from the platform at an N.H.F. convention? The magazine? From calling headquarters?

TOTALITARIANISM

Nerios, under Salaman's sanctions, have total control of headquarters like occupation forces in a military operation, including: information, records, mailing list, access to premises, everything! Those who know what's going on and feel a duty to let others know, have no way to get this information to those entitled to know through orthodox means, and must resort to the UNORTHODOX!

TRUTH SQUAD

A TRUTH SQUAD went to the San Francisco convention June 2-3, for the purpose of getting the attention of members and giving them the "other" side. They engaged a meeting room of their own, a truth tabloid was distributed, posters of Clinton being arrested were displayed, a video showing the people being detained at the May 14 meeting was shown, some of the principal persons involved gave their stories. Unorthodox of necessity, it got the attention of members to the situation as nothing before!

Board member Judith Todero was one of the main leaders of the truth squad. She operates a nutrition center, and went to much expense and financial loss to reach the masses with the truth. So Maureen had a notice of ex-communication sent to her! Why would Judith put so much time and money into the matter? Because she cares for N.H.F. and wants to save it from dictatorship.

Joel Wallach, former elected Board member, who was forced out before the end of his term, was active in the Truth Squad. Why was he involved? Because he cares about N.H.F. and sees its need in the health freedom movement, and wants it cleansed of "salmonella poisoning".

MILLER, YIAMOUIYIANNIS CUT

Clinton Miller and Dr. John Yiamouyiannis were under contract to speak at the San Francisco convention, but Maureen had them cut from the program. After much protest from their supporters, both were allowed to speak.

Miller agreed not to bring in personal matters; Yiamouyiannis agreed not to speak before the other group, and he kept the ground rules to which he had agreed.

NERIO ASSAULTS YIAMOUIYIANNIS

Toward the end of Dr. Yiamouyiannis' speech he made a remark to which Conventions Manager Fred Nerio took exception. Nerio dashed to the platform, grabbed the microphone, Dr. "Y" grabbed it back, Nerio **KNOCKED HIM DOWN.** (Maureen wrote "Forced him from the low platform"), they wrestled briefly on the floor, a lady pulled Nerio off by the necktie, and Dr. "Y" got up and finished his speech.

SECURITY GUARDS

Slippery Salmon wrote that the Truth Squad had hired a security guard. What she didn't say was



JOHN YIAMOUIYIANNIS security guards? bystander after assault by Fred Nerio

that Nerio had AT LEAST THREE security guards on hand. They rushed to the platform to intervene during the struggle.

BEHIND LOCKED DOORS?

The day after the San Francisco convention, headquarters was closed until July 9, and a sign was posted advising employees to seek employment elsewhere!

In the tabloid Maureen indicated the "N.H.F. STAFF" was working behind locked doors "for fear of hostile minority takeover"! What she didn't say was that the "N.H.F. STAFF" consisted of Veronica and Fred Nerio and herself! If it was from "fear", why did they set a date for reopening? They haven't hesitated to call the police, or to have security guards on hand before. So what is the REAL reason the troika worked behind locked doors without witnesses for five weeks?

LEGAL ACTION

Maureen called another special Board meeting for July 9. Judith Todero had her attorney write a letter which was sent to Board members declaring the May 14 meeting and ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETING BY THAT GROUP to be null and void; demanding that Ms. Todero remain in her duly elected position on the Board; and demanding access to the financial records by July 11.

Some Board members on the side of RIGHT boycotted the meeting, as it was not legitimate. Board Vice Chairman Jack Ritchason attended and read a statement giving the attorney's demands; a few others went as witnesses, but abstained from voting.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Board decided to allow Judith Todero to serve the remainder of her elected term on the Board (through 1990).

They agreed to allow her to see the records in the office. (A twist from arresting Clinton Miller for wanting them 5 weeks earlier before the troika had headquarters to themselves).

RECORDS MISSING

The latest report is that

Judith's attorneys have gone into headquarters and found some records missing, which Veronica is "looking for".

\$300,000 TO PERPETUATE SELF

Although the statement read by Dr. Ritchason declared their meeting not to be legitimate, they went ahead with business anyhow. They reportedly voted to get a \$300,000 loan on the Monrovia headquarters property to keep Maureen in office, with THE MEMBERS PICKING UP THE TAB!

COMES THE TABLOID

Maureen's recent two-color tabloid, sent to 25,000 - 30,000 members plus people throughout the health freedom movement, could have cost N.H.F. members \$6000 - \$7000 - TO PERPETUATE HERSELF! Presented as "the true facts", it was full of half truths, untruths, distortions, innuendos, and omissions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

SPREAD THIS INFORMATION TO EVERY MEMBER POSSIBLE. "They" control the name list, so it will be up to you to spread the word. Send for extra copies of this paper.

"POWER CORRUPTS; ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY"

WHAT THEY SAY

- "...Maureen Salaman is a compulsive liar. You can't believe a thing she says." Resigned Board member.
- "...I believe in sincere honesty, and with Maureen there, it makes the situation difficult...If she stays I must resign..." Ray Evers, MD, resigned N.H.F. Board member.
- "...N.H.F.'s 'problem' is Maureen Salaman - period! Her tirades, scheming, never-ending brow-beating simply wears people down...She is the most unChristian person I have ever met..." Don Pickett, resigned N.H.F. Treasurer, Executive Committee member.
- "...She can't take...criticism...She is insecure...when she got cruel and resentful of me, I realized I was too busy to have to take that kind of treatment." Miriam Spaulding, resigned Sec., Exec. Comm. member.
- "...The May 14th Police State tactic employed on me and...others violated every precept and philosophy for which the Federation has always stood, being outward evidence of an inward 'sickness' on the part of the present administration which cries out for remedy..." Kirkpatrick Dilling, resigned N.H.F. Legal Counsel.
- "...I felt I had to stay and see what I had done wrong. I NEVER DID FIND OUT... In my opinion the...authorization for (his arrest) would have had to come from the President... What is Maureen Salaman trying to hide?" Charles Crecelius, past pres. N.H.F. for 16 years.
- "...Ten years ago I was on the N.H.F. Board of Governors...Bob Bradford wanted to take out \$15,000 of advertising which MAUREEN WOULD NOT ACCEPT..." Jas. R. Privitera, MD., former N.H.F. Board member.
- "...She became paranoid about some other female competing in the freedom of choice movement and stated, 'I'll run them all out of business; N.H.F. intends to be the sole spokesperson for freedom of choice movement'..." Dr. Marie Steirmeyer, Pres. IACVF.
- "...This woman has used and abused her position with N.H.F. to forward her own aims, launch her own political and television career, push her self-published books, and to attack and destroy, vilify and defame everyone she thinks is in her way..." CEO, Amer. Biologics.
- "...Her tenure as president has been nothing short of disastrous, and she should not be allowed to continue in this position under any circumstances..." Bruce W. Halstead, MD, World Life Research Institute.
- "She's a man's woman...She thinks she can control the men by prissing around." Resigned Board member.
- "...We agree wholeheartedly with Don Pickett, et al - Maureen has got to be stopped IMMEDIATELY..." V.E. Irons. N.H.F. Board Emeritus.

ATTEND THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING at Radisson Inn O'Hare, 5500 River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018, Fri., Aug. 3, 7:00 P.M. (N.H.F. Chicago convention is next day at Holiday Inn O'Hare next door). Bring cancelled check or other proof of membership. **YOU ARE NEEDED THERE!**

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WRITE LETTERS OF PROTEST calling for resignation of Maureen and the Nerios.

WRITE LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT to Clinton Miller, Al Battista, Judith Todero. (Don't send them to headquarters).

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Wellness Lifestyle Convention: January 12-13-14 1990 in Los Angeles

Dear Sirs

As previously conveyed to you in earlier this year, the CHO has launched several projects of mutual interest.

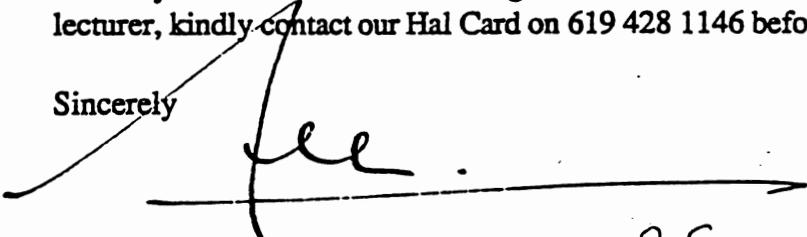
Right now we are in the throes of planning a major alternative wholistic health care and wellness convention, to be held in mid-January in Los Angeles. We have opted for LA rather than San Diego as originally envisaged, as we perceive this to be the logical introductory marketplace for the Wellness Lifestyle Plan.

Hal Card, Administrative Director of the CHO, is well on his way with the generation of a programme and is already assured of success in attracting exhibitors to the 50 booths that will be available. The official programme will be posted to you before the end of November. Lecturers will be of national and international repute, and it appears likely that we will have to decline many requests by speakers to participate in the convention.

Concurrent with the convention, commencing at 6.00 pm on Saturday 13th January, the Confederation of Health Organizations will be holding a 2-hour meeting at the same venue, this to be attended by the Founding Sponsors, the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, representatives of the Founding organizations and, by invitation, other interested parties as well.

Obviously we would like your organization to join us in Los Angeles if this is at all possible, and look forward to your confirmation that this will be convenient to you. Should you be interested in reserving an exhibition booth or wish to recommend a lecturer, kindly contact our Hal Card on 619 428 1146 before Friday 20th instant.

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Quackery, cures spark controversy at cancer forum

ods and gives up many cancer victims as hopeless when they aren't," protester Lucille Doyle said.

Doyle is secretary of the Broward chapter of the International Association of Cancer Victims and Friends, which sponsored the protest. She said the group was established here in 1973 and has 15 chapters and 250 members statewide.

The cancer society estimates that 965,000 people will be diagnosed with the disease this year and that one person will die of it every 65 seconds.

Speakers attending the conference, which concludes today, ran through a litany of hoaxes.

Dr. Victor Herbert, professor of medicine at New York's Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, said he has been involved in reviewing more than 1,000 pseudo-scientific cures for cancer.

"In every case we found them to be fraudulent," Herbert said.

James Lowell, professor of life science at Pima College in Tucson, Ariz., showed a collection of "cures" including:

- A multicolored cotton jacket with a hood that sells for \$40 and is said to "adjust body energy."
- A gold-colored medallion called the "amazing nuclear receptor" that is supposed to collect microwaves and focuses them into the body (\$110).
- A pyramid-shaped metal antenna (\$35) that "rearranges the body's energy patterns."

Michael Colbert, director of the American Biologics Medical Center in Tijuana, Mexico, also was at the conference though not on the program.

"I'm one of the 'quacks' they're talking about, but as far as I'm concerned the organized-fraud business is really the American medical establishment. They can't even agree on what cancer is," Colbert said.

Colbert said his clinic treats patients with large doses of vitamins and minerals. The cost for this treatment for one week ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000, he said.

"We don't claim to have cured everyone, but we have helped a lot of people," Colbert said.

Dr. Gary Lyman, chief of medicine service at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, said cancer patients are quick to drop conventional therapy.

"And surprisingly, the people who are most vulnerable to quackery are often educated professionals including doctors and nurses. In general, quackery is sold to people who are desperate, unsuspecting or ignorant," Lyman said.



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Henri Richard and Ed Crowther of Fort Lauderdale protest for right to seek alternative medical treatment.

CHARLATAN THERAPY

In general, quackery is sold to ignorant, fearful people.

By ARDY FRIEDBERG
Staff Writer

Inside the Fort Lauderdale hotel, 225 people heard talks about quackery and counterculture therapy.

Outside, 18 pickets carried placards. They talked of natural cures and nontoxic therapies.

The topic was bogus cancer cures. The

forum: a two-day conference sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The society says fraudulent treatments are costing the public \$20 billion a year, and may be costing lives as well.

"Medical quackery is big business, and Florida is the number three state in the country, behind California and New York, in medical quackery," said Dr. Kenneth Monson, director of radiation

for the North Broward Hospital District and chairman of a society committee on unproven cancer treatments.

Outside the hotel, the problem was defined differently.

"The problem is that the medical establishment doesn't recognize alternative or nonconventional treatment meth-

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December 29, 1986

Helen Gelband
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Dear Ms. Gelband,

It was a pleasure to talk with you last month about the upcoming OTA study, "Nontraditional Methods of Cancer Management: Science and Policy Issues. I have purposely put off further communication with you until now, not wishing to burden you while in the end stage of a previous study.

As I said in our conversation, I would like to offer any and all assistance that you deem appropriate, towards your efforts. Towards that end, I would like to offer the services of myself and the IAT Patients Association.

The IAT Patients Association has joined together with the leaders of the Coalition for Alternatives in Nutrition and Health (CANAH), the Cancer Control Society (CCS), the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine (CHOICE), the International Association of Cancer Victors and Friends (IACVF), the National Health Federation (NHF), People Against Cancer (PAC) and Project Cure to form the Coalition for the Evaluation of Alternative Therapy (COALITION). Collectively these organizations represent hundreds of thousands of people who have benefited from nontraditional methods of health care.

As coordinator of the Coalition, I have received the commitment from all of the leaders of all of the member organizations to cooperate fully with the OTA in your efforts.

Toward that end, we have assembled and enclosed a partial list of recommendations for the Advisory Panel membership. When we have assembled the remaining list, with name, address, phone and curriculum vitae or thumb-nail sketch for each potential panelist, we will forward them to you.

The Coalition stands ready and willing to undertake any task that you may deem helpful.

I look forward to your reply.

Frank Wiewel

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Dear Coalition Member,

On Tuesday September 23, 1986 history was made in Washington, DC when the 6 Senators and 6 Congressmen who comprise the board of directors of the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) voted to do an assessment of Dr. Burton's Immuno-Augmentative Therapy (IAT) to begin January 1, 1986.

The historic implications of this assessment should not be underestimated. For the first time in history, 38 esteemed members of congress deemed it appropriate to request a comprehensive, full-scale evaluation of an alternative form of cancer therapy. This unprecedented action was further punctuated by the fact that these 38 members of congress recognized the historic animosity of the National Cancer Institute toward alternative forms of cancer therapy and requested the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) do the evaluation.

Further, the OTA may evaluate other forms of alternative cancer therapy as part of a limited study. The assessment is a direct result of the efforts of the Coalition for the Evaluation of Alternative Therapy and Congressman Molinari of New York. The Coalition therefore takes a dramatic first step toward its goals and objectives of evaluating alternative therapies and implementing the effective modalities into the US health care system.

Many of you played a leading role in the Coalition's Rally held in Washington, DC on June 25, 1986. This Rally resulted in 38 congressmen and senators signing Congressman Molinari's request to the OTA to evaluate IAT. Many of you helped by publishing details of our struggle and urging your membership write and lobby congress to make the evaluation a reality.

In addition to the evaluation of IAT's efficacy, the Assessment will do the following:

1. Examine the role of public and private sector bodies in evaluating and providing information about nontraditional treatments.
2. Critically review the existing literature, both from mainstream science and from the proponents of nontraditional treatments.
3. Estimate if possible the number of Americans who will avail themselves of these treatments and the financial impact on individuals and on health insurers.
4. Examine the potential for conducting evaluations of nontraditional treatments that would meet the same standards of evidence required of mainstream treatments.
5. Develop objective guidelines for planning such evaluations.

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We feel that this evaluation represents a milestone in the struggle to bring alternative medicine into the mainstream of U.S. health care. It demonstrates the rapidly changing perception of alternative medicine by both the public and the congress. It demonstrates beyond the shadow of a doubt that a well planned and well executed effort to work through established political procedures is the most effective way for the alternative health movement to focus their energy.

The political relationships that were initiated in the Coalition's successful effort now need to be built upon and amplified in order to continue the progress already achieved and increase it's momentum and scope. The Coalition's effort was successful even though it actively involved only several hundred people. It was primarily successful due to the careful planning and execution that was provided by the leadership of the various groups that make up the Coalition. As we continue to cooperate and work closely together for the common good, we will sharpen our own political skills and those of our members. Before we formed the Coalition, the alternative health movement was divided into small groups of dedicated individuals working unilaterally on separate issues at different times. By uniting into the Coalition we have brought the collective resolve of our membership to bear on the problems at hand. We now have been provided the opportunity to change the course of medical history.

In order to develop a detailed plan and agenda of where to focus our attention next, there will be a national summit meeting of the leaders of the Coalition on November 15th and 16th at the Sheraton River House Hotel in Miami, Florida. Special rates at this hotel have been arranged for around \$50 per night.

The objective of the meeting is to develop a plan to take us from the OTA's evaluation of Burton's therapy (IAT) to a systematic and on-going step by step procedure through the government to evaluate all promising aspects of alternative medicine. We have begun discussions with key staff members in key congressional committees in an effort to gather data and test the political waters regarding the feasibility of such an undertaking.

We have formulated two proposals. The first proposal entails securing a congressional mandate to further fund the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) with the specific power to routinely test alternative therapies on a regular and systematic basis. The second proposal involves the feasibility of the refunding of a previously existing agency of the government. This would entail a specific mandate to assess alternative forms of therapy.

To date the prospects appear very promising. Our research indicates that an agency called The National Center for Health Technology was created in 1978 for the purpose of assessing current medical technologies and was under congressional mandate to study any means to prevent, diagnose and promote health. (Public Law 95-623).



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The Center operated until 1981, when the Reagan Administration denied funding. Studies conducted by Harvard and UCLA Schools of Public Health concluded that the Center saved the taxpayers between 100 and 200 million dollars per year through the evaluation of 6 medical technologies. According to Dr. Seymour Perry, the Center's director until 1981, 40% of the orthodox technologies evaluated by the Center were found to be ineffective and without benefit to patients.

The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), which itself gathers and collects information on medical technology assessments and does some in-depth studies of efficacy and cost, has endorsed the idea of an independent agency set up specifically to assess medical technology.

This demonstrates that a great opportunity exists for congressional action to establish a permanent government agency to evaluate orthodox and alternative health care technologies. There was enough support for a similar agency to have been created. No doubt there remains a considerable constituency among orthodox and alternative health fields.

We will attempt to gather enough information and research from congress regarding the best manner to embark on the course of action that shows the most promise. We will bring this information in a draft proposal to Miami for joint consideration of the Coalition leadership. We will send you as much briefing information as possible between now and the meeting. We welcome any assistance and input you may provide regarding how best to structure our efforts.

What we hope to achieve at this meeting is a consensus agreement for a coordinated political action plan including specific goals and specific measures to achieve these goals. We will construct a coordinated plan for each individual group working within the Coalition. Needless to say the meeting will be a working meeting from which we hope to undertake direct action in the evolving breakthrough of putting alternative medicine into the mainstream.

If you have any questions, suggestions or you require further details, please call: 515-972-4444.

Sincerely,



Frank Wiewel
Coalition Founder



THE COALITION FOR THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE THERAPY
THE IAT PATIENTS ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, cancer killed over 450,000 Americans last year, (NCHS) and,
WHEREAS, cancer kills more children than any other illness, (NCHS) and,
WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death in women over 35, (NCHS) and,
WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death in America, (NCHS) and,
WHEREAS, cancer will strike over 870,000 Americans this year, (ACS) and,
WHEREAS, the cost of medical treatment for cancer, degenerative diseases, and related health care now exceeds \$450 Billion per year and consumes 11% of the gross national product in the US, (JAMA) and,
WHEREAS, a large percentage of the federal budget for medical research is expended on research of chronic and degenerative diseases, (NCHS) and,
WHEREAS, a large percentage of the average senior citizens budget is expended on the treatment of chronic and degenerative diseases, (NCHS) and,
WHEREAS, most treatments currently available for chronic and degenerative diseases are very costly and have severe toxic side effects, and,
WHEREAS, Hardin Jones Phd., professor of medical physics at the University of California, stated, "My studies have proven conclusively that untreated cancer victims actually live up to four times longer than treated individuals.", and,
WHEREAS, 77% of Americans fear cancer more than any other disease, (AP, Media General-Poll), and,
WHEREAS, finding a cure for cancer is the number one dream of the American people, (D'Arcy, Masius, Benton, Bowles-Poll)
WHEREAS, the vast majority of Americans, "would seek a medical treatment that promised a cure that was rejected by the established medical community," (52% yes - 36% no), (AP, Media General-Poll), and,
WHEREAS, in a speech to the AMA Leadership Conference in 1981, new Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis R. Bowen, M.D., described how he was forced to go outside of the law, outside of the country, and outside of orthodox medicine to secure drugs and substances which were unavailable and illegal in our own country, to treat his wife who was suffering from multiple myeloma, a cruel and painful type of cancer, (AMA Leadership Conference, 1981), and,
WHEREAS, John C. Bailar III, and Elaine M. Smith, in the May 8, 1986, New England Journal of Medicine, state, "We are losing the war against cancer...a shift from research on treatment to research on prevention, seems necessary if substantial progress against cancer is to be forthcoming.", and,

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WHEREAS, prevention is the obvious long term answer to the escalating rate of suffering and exorbitant health care costs for the treatment of degenerative diseases in the US, and,

WHEREAS, orthodox medicine in the US does not emphasize preventative medicine in any significant manner, and,

WHEREAS, many aspects of alternative therapies have apparent benefits as preventative measures as well as for treatment of degenerative diseases, and,

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Cancer Treatment, National Cancer Institute recently stated, "There is a need to establish procedures by which unproven and unorthodox treatments are formally evaluated for safety and efficacy, so that current and reliable information can be obtained by both physicians and patients, (JAMA Vol.255, No.4, JAN.24/31, 1986) and,

WHEREAS, in recent announcements, the National Cancer Institute has recognized immuno-therapy as the most promising area of research and treatment of cancer in decades, and,

WHEREAS, Immuno-Augmentative Therapy (IAT) has been researched for nearly 30 years and practiced in Freeport, Bahamas, by Lawrence Burton, Ph.D., since 1978, and is a therapy which augments and thereby strengthens the immune system, and,

WHEREAS, there are records available of nearly 3000 patients treated by IAT in Freeport, that show IAT is a very effective therapy against cancer and other degenerative diseases, and,

WHEREAS, there are nearly 30 years of lab experiments on animals to show that IAT is a very effective therapy against cancer and other degenerative diseases, and,

WHEREAS, Drs. Robert and Martin Goldstein, both veterinarians, testified at the IAT Hearing held by Congressman Molinari, that they were currently treating 85 pets for cancer at their clinic and that 1 out of 2 animals with serious or terminal cancers go into remission and live normal lives with no side effects whatsoever, and,

WHEREAS, there is a large body of anecdotal evidence to show that IAT is a very effective therapy against cancer and other degenerative diseases, and,

WHEREAS, virtually every significant scientific breakthrough has been based initially on anecdotal evidence and many accepted aspects of organized medicine remain based solely on anecdotal evidence, and,

WHEREAS, the courts have recently held that anecdotal evidence is admissible as proof of the effectiveness of medical treatment, (Dallis v. Aetna Life Insurance Co., 574 F Supp 547, Aff 768 F2d 1303) and,



WHEREAS, over 200 patients presented affidavits at the Molinari Hearing, testifying to the effectiveness of IAT, and,

WHEREAS, there are over 500 patients now being treated by IAT that have lived past their prognosis by orthodox medicine, and,

WHEREAS, there are over 65 patients who have survived for 5 to 10 years past their prognosis because of IAT, and have had follow-up examinations that show their disease to be either in remission, regression, or no sign of disease, and,

WHEREAS, patients with diagnosed diseases of lupus of the skin and central nervous system, multiple sclerosis, Lou Gerhigs disease, arthritis, herpes, AIDS, terminal asthma, atherosclerosis, and hemophilia have also been helped by IAT, and,

WHEREAS, theoretically, IAT should be beneficial for many other degenerative diseases, including the hyper-immune condition that often contributes to diseases of old age, and,

WHEREAS, one aspect of IAT is an immune-competency test which can identify immune deficiency before the onset of any symptoms, thereby allowing for preventative measures to be taken before the onset of disease, and,

WHEREAS, former president Nixon recently expressed disappointment that no cancer therapies developed in foreign countries are available in the US, and,

WHEREAS, there is incontrovertible evidence that some therapies practiced by orthodox medicine in foreign countries, as well as alternative therapies practiced in the US and in foreign countries are effective in the treatment of degenerative diseases, and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Molinari of New York held a fact finding hearing into IAT on January 15, 1986, the transcript of which contains considerable anecdotal and other evidence of the effectiveness of IAT, and,

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1985, Congressman Molinari said in a statement to the assembled House of Representatives that, "... I visited the Burton clinic 4 months ago at the request of dozens of cancer patients around the country ... Many of these patients were diagnosed as terminally ill and evidenced some dramatic recovery. While I do not have the expertise to determine if Burton's treatment works, I so know that it did offer hope to many individual cancer patients...", and,

WHEREAS, on that same occasion, Congressman Molinari stated that, "...I think we owe it to the Burton clinic cancer patients to examine and explain all of the ends leading up to the closing of that clinic...", and,



WHEREAS, in his opening statement at the IAT Hearing on January 15, 1986, Congressman Molinari stated, "...As for the treatments viability -- does it work? Does it control cancer? Dr. Burton himself doesn't say he has a cure - he calls his treatment a control for cancer. That's a question for medical authorities. But let's at least put that question forward and not let it lie buried under sly allegations of quackery. Let the man be proven right or proven wrong...", and,

WHEREAS, Gary Null, a noted broadcaster, journalist, and at one time the largest fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society, testified that he has investigated the Burton clinic for over eight years, "...Despite the fact that he is saving more terminally ill cancer patients than any conventional US treatment facility, the medical establishment is committed to the professional destruction of a pioneering scientist...", and,

WHEREAS, Dr. John Beatty, M.D., of Greenwich Connecticut, testified that, "...Over the past 10 years, I have seen many, many patients who have benefited from Dr. Burton's therapy...", and,

WHEREAS, Dr. John Clement, British trained physician and the Medical Director of the IAT Clinic for the past 8 years, testified that he "...has seen over 1500 patients and IAT Therapy in his opinion offers a significant new approach for the treatment of cancer, producing better results than chemo-therapy or radiation, with none of the side effects...", and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Irwin Peck, a business executive from New York, testified that in 1983 and 1984, he negotiated a protocol between the IAT Clinic and the NCI, for a study to prove or disprove the efficacy of IAT. The protocol was agreed to by the NCI, signed by Dr. Burton, but never signed by the NCI, and,

WHEREAS, there is at present no mechanism for evaluating alternative or foreign therapies, and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Molinari has formally asked for the office of Technology to do an evaluation of IAT.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the United States Congress direct the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to:

1. Implement the protocol formerly agreed to by the IAT Clinic and the NCI and publish its findings as to the effectiveness of IAT.
2. Establish a standard procedure whereby other alternative therapies and foreign therapies can be thoroughly and fairly evaluated by US health agencies, subject to OTA review.

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that Congress establish policy and guidelines whereby such therapies as are demonstrated to be effective will receive public funding for further research and implementation into the Health Care System.





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Mtd to Linda Wick
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May 2, 1989

Mike Culbert
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Dear Mike:

Let me take this opportunity to apologize for anything I might ever have done to hurt you. I have long ago forgotten and forgiven any ill will that I have ever held against you or your employers.

However, if you have been hurt, I am sorry. I wish you nothing but the best.

It has not been I who has banned you from NHF conventions as an advertiser. It was a vote of the entire board upon recommendation of our ethics committee. That ban has continued as a result of the devisiveness which has been directed towards me. I'm sure you would not involve anyone in your company who was threatening your president. I'm sure this has changed now and I would be more than happy to discuss with you a recommendation of reconsideration of this position to my board.

I have had some very good reports of your work with AIDS patients. As you may know I have a television show which telecasts all over the world bi-weekly and give a great number of recommendations. I am always looking for reliable help for my viewers. I hope to hear from you soon.

Love in Christ,

Maureen Salaman
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Dear Curry, Michael and Ed,

This is to serve notice that Frank Wiewel and the IAT Patients Association do hereby divest themselves of all activities of the Coalition for the Evaluation of Alternative Therapy ("The Coalition").

I would like the following points clearly stated for the record:

1. It was neither my intention nor the intention of the IATPA or People Against Cancer to form or be formed into a legal entity.
2. I never, at any time, nor do I know that any member organization, authorized any Coalition expenses or expenditures beyond the Coalition "White Paper".

While I continue to support many of the goals of the Coalition, I feel serious problems will exist until the Coalition structure, operating procedures, intentions and issues to be addressed are clearly defined, agreed to and signed upon by all parties.

Further, I have been informed that Bob Houston has received a pledge from an anonymous donor to cover the cost of the "White Paper". I am therefore refunding the donations made by the Coalition member organizations, which were made specifically for that "White Paper".

- cc: C. Frompovich
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Sincerely,
Frank Wiewel

Freedom of Medicine

In 1980, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan spoke glowingly of "The New Federalism" — the rhetorical hallmark of his administration-to-be.

While he spent little time discussing the American health disaster, he nonetheless mouthed the appropriate phrases: He advocated medical freedom of choice, he lamented the runaway spiral of inflationary costs in health care, and he decried the heavy hand of government in medical decisions.

For a time, there was a movement within the sprawling, corruption-laced Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for change, and many good words were spoken and edicts issued. But, as the Reagan era comes to an end, the American medical scenario can be summed up in two words: Unmitigated disaster.

The "New Federalism" in medicine has turned out to be "the Old Monopolism." The American Medical Association (AMA), a gigantic labor union for doctors, has expertly appropriated the terms "medicine" and "physician" for itself over the last century, as it bedded down with the gigantic interests of the international pharmaceutical cartel. Largely controlling what Americans and their media know, think and understand about medicine, it has assiduously sought to drive out of the medical marketplace all its competitors — homeopathy, naturopathy, herbalism, Oriental medicine, and, particularly in this century, chiropractic medicine. Its activities are largely protected by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which essentially runs interference for the interests of huge drug companies.

The Reagan Era has brought an unprecedented number of arrests of physicians, including AMA dues-paying professionals, who step out of line by, say, using laetrile or Vitamin C adjunctively to orthodox cancer therapy, as well as a totalitarian crackdown against homeopaths (dragged off to jail in Florida), naturopaths (up to 14-year sentences in the Pacific Northwest), and any number of medical professionals who attempt to practice medicine by the old Hippocratic Oath, which currently unnerves the "orthodoxy."

Part of the known conspiracy of the vested interests has surfaced over the 11-year litigation begun by four chiropractors against the AMA and a rogue's gallery of other medical groups. Last

summer, a federal court found the AMA and its partners in crime guilty of a conspiracy against the chiropractic profession and of "systematic wrongdoing" in trying to destroy the AMA's major medical competitor.

The AMA has railed mightily against socialized medicine. Somehow it has not learned the historic fact that, when private monopoly becomes protected by government monopoly, it is the general public and freedom itself that are the losers. But the solution to the American medical quagmire is at hand, however difficult it is to implement because of the thicket of misinformation, and economic and political vested interests that bar the way:

The restoration of a freemarket in the American marketplace. This means, quite simply, freedom of choice — with informed consent — for physician and patient to agree to any course of therapy or treatment or device they select. It is a travesty that terminal Amer-

ican patients are forced to go without or, if they have the money, obliged to race off to a foreign country for treatments that should be available in downtown Dubuque. It is an outrage that conscientious physicians who attempt to do *anything* to save the lives of their patients or to alleviate their suffering through some "unapproved" nostrum must be harassed, hounded, persecuted, and often prosecuted.

A century ago, when the AMA was young and competitive, Americans actually had freedom of medical choice and the farm mother was the "primary care physician." Homeopaths outnumbered allopaths, and citizens could select from a variety of schools of medical thought. Most of the modern killer diseases were rare or unknown.

A return to that state of affairs is needed. There already are sufficient laws on the books, both federal and state, to defend against quacks, and most people are not opposed to the *original* language of the first Pure Food and Drug Act. Most people are not opposed to some form of government surveillance over *safety*. But today's restrictive Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act has gone far afield from the original congressional mandate and has clouded medical practice by attempting to oversee *efficacy*. The Act allows the state to intervene at precisely the point where it should not: the free decision of a physician and his patient to seek a certain mode of treatment.

Dr. Benjamin Rush, a revolutionary war hero, physician and signer of the Declaration of Independence, perhaps said it best in the 18th Century:

Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship. . . . To restrict the art of healing to one class of men and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic . . . and have no place in a republic. . . . The Constitution of this Republic should make special provision for medical freedom as well as religious freedom.

Is anyone listening? ■



Michael Culbert

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Health fraud meeting draws critics

By Gregory S. Reeves
staff writer

A three-day conference in Kansas City on medical fraud and quackery is drawing some of the people whom the conferees consider primary targets of the fraud-fighting efforts.

The 1988 National Health Fraud Conference, sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and two Kansas City area hospitals, begins today at the Allis Plaza Hotel.

The conference is expected to attract more than 600 government officials, doctors and others who will discuss ways to fight the phony cancer cures and other forms of health fraud that cost Americans \$25 billion a year.

Among those registered for the conference, however, are several "alternative health care" advocates who held a press conference Saturday assailing the three-day meeting.

Michael Culbert, chief spokesman at the press conference, said the U.S. medical establishment, in league with the major phar-

maceutical firms, was covering up therapies that could "totally control" cancer.

Doctors who promote the alternative treatments are persecuted and sometimes imprisoned, said Culbert, chairman of a California-based group called the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine.

"If this country does not make some alteration in medicine and freedom of choice in medicine, by the year 2050 A.D. we can all forget it, because we'll all be dead of cancer or AIDS," Culbert said.

Also at the press conference were several persons identified as "alternative health world leaders and patients."

Culbert said that no one speaking at the press conference was a medical doctor but that the groups represented included physicians.

Some of the "alternative health care" advocates said they had registered for the three-day conference but had apparently been blacklisted and had received no conference materials.

Dr. John Renner, conference

co-chairman, said organizers had not barred the protesters.

"There are lots of quacks and quack supporters registered for the conference," Renner said. "We have treated everybody the same. We know most of these characters."

Renner said that a group called the National Health Federation was behind much of the protest and that several members of the federation have been convicted of health fraud.

Renner said the "alternative health care" advocates' claims "can't possibly stand up" to scientific scrutiny. He added:

"They're interested in politics, money-raising and flamboyancy. They're not interested in controlled studies.

"We must be hurting them, or they wouldn't be this fussed up. It makes me feel good that maybe some of our quack-fighting activities are starting to pay off."

Renner said phony cancer cures comprise the biggest share of medical quackery, luring as many as 30 percent of all cancer victims.

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THE CANCER CARNAGE:

Sixteen years and 11 billion dollars after the National Cancer Institute was commissioned to lead the war on cancer, what are the results? In 1987, cancer in all its "forms" will be diagnosed in more than 1.3 million Americans. 500,000-plus will die. The Establishment's "treatments of choice" are STILL chemotherapy (poisons), radiation (burning) and surgery (mutilation). The cancer portion of the \$465 billion health-care delivery business is approximately \$55 billion: BIG BUSINESS. While the Establishment and front groups such as the "National Council Against Health Fraud" rail against competitors in the cancer market place, assail quacks and Mexican clinics, the plain truth is: more Americans are dying of more "forms" of cancer at ever earlier ages than ever before. THIS IS THE SAD TRUTH. Even dissenters within the Establishment say so . . .

"Progress in cancer management is not as great as that reported by the National Cancer Institute . . . the earlier detection of certain cancer and the way in which data are compiled artificially inflate the amount of 'true' progress."

--General Accounting Office (U.S. Gov't.), April, 1987

"(Basic cancer data) provide no evidence that some 23 years of intense and growing efforts to improve the treatment of cancer have had much overall effect on the most fundamental measure of clinical outcome--death. The program must be judged a qualified failure."

--Dr. John Bailar III, Harvard University School of Public Health, in New England Journal of Medicine (May 8, 1985)

"The 15-year-old national cancer program should be considered a failure because it has not lowered the death rate for major forms of cancer."

--Report (June, 1985) to the American Association for the Advancement of Science

"Progress in cancer survival rates is a statistical artifact (based on earlier diagnosis). The result has been a false sense of contemporary therapeutic accomplishment."

--Yale University report on cancer treatment prospects (1985)

" . . . I don't think the improvement in cancer survival is very large for the main categories of cancer."

--Dr. John Cairns, Harvard School of Public Health (1985)

"Clearly in head-and-neck cancer we are not curing any more patients than we were 25 years ago . . ."

--University of Liverpool, U.K. (1985)

"Aggressive searches for early cancer have falsely inflated the survival rates due to the inclusion of non-lethal minimal cancers. When you define survival as the number of patients who live five years after diagnosis, early detection further inflates the survival rates by moving up the time of diagnosis without moving back the time of death."

--Susan M. Love, M.D., Director, Breast Clinic, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston (1986)

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Freedom Closer as Coalition Rallies in Washington

By Mike Culbert

In a move unprecedented in the annals of the "alternative medicine" movement, the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress (OTA) has agreed to evaluate an "unproven" cancer remedy and to establish guidelines to evaluate others.

The "unproven" in question is the "immunoaugmentative" therapy (or IAT) of zoologist Lawrence Burton, Ph.D., in the Bahamas.

The OTA, usually thought of as an independent research body, acted—so far unofficially—following a blitzkrieg visitation in Washington, D.C., in late June by more than 100 representatives of the Burton patients group and other leaders of the "alternative" movement.

These included IACVF, the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc., Project Cure, The Coalition for Alternatives in Nutrition and Health Care (CANAH), the Georgia Women's Coalition for Medical Freedom and, at the last minute, the National Health Federation (NHF).

For purposes of continued petitioning to Congress the organizations constituted themselves as the Coalition for the Evaluation of Alternative Therapy (CEAT), headed by the Burton group—the IAT Patients Assn. (IATPA)

As of August, some 35 U.S. congressmen and senators had endorsed a letter calling for evaluation of the Burton therapy—long denied American cancer patients—and establishment of guidelines to assess other approaches. The letter was authored by Rep. Guy Molinari (R-NY), a number of whose constituents are Burton patients. The IATPA has banded together primarily following the July 1985 closure of the Bahamas facility by local authorities at the behest of U.S. officials. Dr. Burton's clinic has since reopened, but U.S. officials, piqued over the sudden canvassing of legislators by the above-mentioned groups, are attempting to uncover as much negative information as possible on the Burton treatment.

The Washington actions of June 24-26 included personal visits to the offices of 280 U.S. representatives, a U.S. Capitol rally and a Rayburn House Office Building press conference. They represented the first time the various "alternative" groups had coalesced into a united front to secure a single beachhead.

Appearing at the press conference were Marie Steinmeyer, for IACVF and the Georgia Women's Coalition for Medical Freedom; Mike Culbert, for the Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine, Inc.; Bob DeBragga, for Project Cure; Dr. Catherine J. Frompovich for CANAH; Frank Wiewel and Curry Hutchinson, for IATPA; and Clintron R. Miller for NHF.

Wiewel and Hutchinson, main planners of the actions, are seeking "at least one to two million" signatures on follow-up petitions to OTA to implement a previously agreed upon protocol between the Burton clinic and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and to establish a procedure for the evaluation of other "unaccepted" treatments.

You can help insure our success. Reproduce the sample post card below. Sign it and send it to your Representative. (Name and address are available from your local library.)

Dear Congressman _____

Please represent all cancer victims in your district including your family by joining with Congressman, Guy Molinari (R/NY) in requesting that the OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (OTA) evaluate all alternative cancer therapies. THE COALITION FOR THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES, has recently formed and staged a rally in Washington on June 25, 1986. The purpose of the group is to strengthen the effort to evaluate all alternative cancer therapies that have benefitted hundreds of thousands of cancer victims throughout the nation.

Please help cancer victims in your district by representing them in this-cause!

Sincerely,

With a Patriotic Touch



Marie Steinmeyer, right, representing IACVF; Bob DeBragga, second from right, representing Project Cure; and Dr. Catherine Frompovich, center, representing CANAH, were among 100 members and leaders of "alternative" cancer therapy groups who rallied at the U.S. Capitol and canvassed legislators in late June.

Their actions paid off: the U.S. Congress of Technology Assessment (OTA) has reportedly agreed to evaluate the Burton cancer therapy (IAT) and establish guidelines to evaluate others. (Mike Culbert Photo)

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September 27, 1990

Michael K. Botts
Attorney at Law
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Re: Herbert, M.D. vs. American Quack Association

Dear Mr. Botts:

Please be advised that on September 26, 1990, Michael Culbert reviewed and signed his deposition taken in the above matter on August 16, 1990. Copies of the pages upon which the witness made changes are attached herewith.

Pursuant to Federal Rule 30(e), please find the enclosed above-described original transcript.

Sincerely,

Shelley Rowland

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Enclosure: Original deposition

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MICHAEL LEON CULBERT,

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having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

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BY MR. BOTTS:

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Q. Would you please state your full name for the

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record, please.

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A. Michael Leon Culbert.

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Q. And where do you reside, Mr. Culbert?

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A. At the 56 Caracas Street, Del Prado, Tijuana, BC,

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Mexico. *(Address since changed.)*

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Q. And are you employed?

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A. I'm a consultant to several different organizations

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and I'm a free-lance writer.

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Q. Who do you consult for?

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A. The Bradford Research Institute, American Biologics,

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American Biologics - Mexico SA Medical Center, Committee for

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Freedom of Choice in Medicine.

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Q. You have got to make sure she differentiates, if

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they're several different organizations.

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A. Yes, these are.

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Q. Could you break them down?

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A. Yes. Bradford Research Institute, American

1 Donsbach or having anything sent to me with his name on it
2 to me. I mean it could have taken place but I certainly
3 don't recall. And I have talked to Kurt Donsbach at
4 conventions, by telephone on rare occasions but I have very
5 little contact with him.

6 Q. What about the International Institute of Natural
7 Health Sciences?

8 A. That is totally unknown to me, so I have nothing
9 from them.

10 Q. Frank Wiewel?

11 A. I talked probably once a month by telephone to Frank
12 Wiewel particularly on our OTA matter that we're all
13 collaborating on.

14 Q. Have you ever sent him a letter or received a letter
15 from him or any documents?

16 A. Oh, I'm sure in the course of -- there was printed
17 material from his group. I have a brochure from People
18 Against Cancer, I guess, if that's a document, but otherwise
19 I don't have correspondence with him that I'm aware of.

20 Q. Have you produced that document today?

21 A. I don't have a brochure from People Against Cancer.

22 Q. You did not bring it with you?

23 A. I did not bring -- I don't think I did.

24 Q. What about with Denise Wiewel?

25 A. No, I don't have any contact with her.

1 A. Well, again, secretary-treasurer is Carol Bradford.

2 Q. What is the association between the organization
3 Choice and the Cancer Control Society?

4 A. There is no -- I mean we're friendly but we don't
5 have any commercial or other mechanics.

6 Q. Is there or do you correspond or have you ever
7 corresponded with Lorraine Rosenthal or anyone at the
8 Cancer Control Society?

9 A. By telephone, yes, for the simple reason that I
10 usually appear at their conferences every year.

11 Q. And with regards to the National Health Federation,
12 do you correspond with them?

13 A. I have not been in touch with the NHF per se for
14 many, many years.

15 Q. You say "NHF per se," are there individuals of
16 NHF --

17 A. Yes, I have been invited to speak to some chapter of
18 the Natural Health Federation in the last few years.

19 Q. Recently have you been invited?

20 A. Well, what would be "recently"? I haven't --

21 Q. When was the last one?

22 A. Two years ago.

23 Q. Mr. John Fink, are you familiar with Mr. Fink?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And when he published his book "Third Opinion," were

(win + h21) [and trust]

1 A. Oh, yes, yes, because I know part of one point of
2 contention, we have an office in Iowa. We're doing business
3 in Iowa. So there was need to look into the record to see
4 "Now, do we really have subscribers in Iowa?" And that was
5 the figure -- I can't remember the figure. I thought it was
6 even lower than ten.

7 Q. Does that mailing list include the people you send
8 The Choice to without charge?

9 A. No, I don't believe it does. The list that I've
10 seen over the years are paid subscriptions.

11 Q. Is Frank Wiewel a paid subscriber to The Choice?

12 A. I don't believe we've ever -- I don't believe that
13 he is a paid subscriber.

14 Q. Do you send copies of The Choice to the governor of
15 the state of Iowa?

16 A. I don't believe on a regular basis we do that. I'm
17 not sure that we ever have, but it's -- I don't have any
18 knowledge that we are sending him a copy of The Choice.

19 Q. Do you send copies to the attorney general of the
20 state of Iowa?

21 A. I'm not aware of sending copies to the attorney
22 general of Iowa.

23 Q. Do you routinely send copies to governors or
24 attorneys general of various states?

25 A. From time to time over the history of The Choice we

(the writing of)

1 A. Yes, they have. I think the point of interest here
2 is that administrative indigenous medicine of Sri Lanka when
3 it's issuing its degrees is the one that says you may use
4 the title D.S.C after your name. So as far as they're
5 concerned, it's not honorary. As far as I'm concerned, it
6 is because I wasn't sitting there getting a degree.

7 Q. When is the last time you spoke with Peter Joseph
8 Lisa?

9 A. Peter Joseph Lisa, I'm not sure. It would be some
10 point last year.

11 Q. Do you recall what the occasion was?

12 A. Let me see, it was a telephone call and I don't
13 recall why he called or what we discussed but it would have
14 been a telephone call.

15 Q. Do you recall whether it concerned Dr. Victor
16 Herbert?

17 A. I don't believe it is. The only time we discussed
18 Herbert at all was in the early part of the case when we
19 were all served this intriguing court case and that was at a
20 meeting with attorneys, so I have had very little contact
21 with him, but years before this happened when he was writing
22 about chiropractic and things of this nature, he would call
23 up from time to time on that issue.

24 Q. Did I understand you that at one time all the
25 defendants and attorneys got together?

1 Q. To the best of my knowledge it is.

2 A. We attended a convention, I think if this is the
3 group informative convention, in January and we were listed
4 with the incorrect title for Committee for Freedom of Choice
5 in Health Care, and I think they mean us but that's not our
6 group so I suppose the answer is loosely we are, but we're
7 not in any formal way. We haven't paid dues. We haven't
8 attended any board meeting or anything like that.

9 Q. Are you aware the first publication of CHO dedicated
10 itself to The Committee for Freedom of Choice?

11 A. Yes. If that's the group with my picture on the
12 page, yes, if that's it.

13 Q. The publication, I believe, is Wellness Lifestyle.

14 A. Yes. Oh, let's see now, Kupsinel's got a magazine,
15 and this new CHO has -- I'm not sure which is which but one
16 of them did do a profile on me and the committee

17 Q. Kupsinel are you saying?

18 A. He has a magazine. I can't remember what it is.

19 Q. Health Consciousness?

20 A. Yes, right.

21 Q. I believe the name of the magazine he's had for
22 quite some time.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is there one in addition to that?

25 A. No. I'm confusing -- there's so many new groups in

1 Tell You That Could Save Your Life."

2 Q. That's a third book?

3 A. That's, yeah, a third book. And I've written two
4 books, one monograph from the other trade paperback on AIDS,
5 those are the recent books.

6 Q. What's the title of those?

7 A. The monograph was called "AIDS: Terror, Truth and
8 Triumph" and the paperback is called "AIDS: Hopes, Hoax and
9 Hoopla." And then for the Bradford Research Institute I
10 co-authored "Oxydology, the Biochemical Basis of Life Cell
11 Therapy" and co-authorized the book on life cell therapy
12 with Dr. Kuhnuy, K-u-h-n-u-y, called "Life Cell Therapy."
13 And I co-authored the book with the late Harold Harper,
14 commercial book called "How You Can Beat the Killer
15 Diseases" and then I've done various rewrites of those
16 books.

17 Q. The book that mentioned medical monopoly, what do
18 you mean by that term?

19 A. It doesn't mention medical monopoly. You mean what
20 the medical monopoly can do?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. By that term I mean the American Medical
23 Association, state boards of the AMA and the seeming control
24 over American medicine by a single phase system --
25 allopathy, allopathic medicine.

1 Q. How does Dr. Herbert fit into your definition of
2 "medical monopoly" if, in fact, he does?

3 A. I think he is a valued and valuable spokesman for
4 what I think of as American monopoly medicine.

5 Q. I'm going to have to ask you to explain that a
6 little further.

7 A. All right. Let's see, the National Council Against
8 Health Fraud, for example, of which Herbert has been
9 certainly a spokesman and other groups, seems to have
10 defined medicine with terms that, to use Victor Herbert's --
11 some of his favorite expressions are responsible and
12 scientific and that anything that seems to be outside
13 scientific responsibility is by definition, as nearly as I
14 can gather from the works of Dr. Herbert, quakery at best,
15 criminality at worst.

16 And the spokesman for what we think of as allopathic
17 medicine, the basic philosophy of medicine pursued in the
18 U.S.A. seems to have in our view and certainly my view a
19 hermetically sealed mind, that anything that is not
20 allopathic in medicine is, in fact, quakery, unscientific
21 and irresponsible. And so I find Dr. Herbert a very -- if I
22 were in monopoly medicine, I'd certainly like Victor to be
23 my spokesman. He's very good at it.

24 Q. When he's mentioned in The Choice, would it be fair
25 to categorize it as an uncharitable light?

1 A. Well, I'd say we have on both sides it's
2 uncharitable. I was first aware of Dr. Herbert in the late
3 '70s in the Hoffbauer-Chad Green controversy and his level
4 of rhetoric was quite high at that time. And he became in
5 the '80s a very primary spokesman for or at least against
6 all of those in the alternative movement. And we certainly
7 have attached his rhetoric with our rhetoric to the point
8 where it's almost impossible to conduct a civilized
9 conversation because I'm not sure we can get down to basic
10 semantics, but yes, you can say it's an uncharitable light.

11 Q. You stated earlier that you read the Lisa book "The
12 Great Medical Monopoly War"; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And in there there are statements about Dr. Herbert
15 which are enumerated as being the basis of this suit --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- such as he had been sued, a number of specified
18 statements.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you have any knowledge that those allegations by
21 Peter Joseph Lisa are, in fact, correct?

22 A. I do not have knowledge as to the validity or lack
23 of validity of those statements.

24 Q. Have you not been shown substantiating documents
25 that Joe Lisa developed in his investigation of Dr. Herbert?

1 upper right-hand corner.

2 A. All right. You want like 1, 2, 3 or A, B, C?

3 Q. Oh, no, simply put initials beginning with the first
4 document.

5 A. The first document is a state of California
6 statement by domestic nonprofit corporation filed at some
7 point in '89.

8 Second document is a certificate of amendment of
9 articles of corporation on changing the name of The
10 Committee for Freedom of Choice.

11 The third document is a press release we just put
12 out on SB 2872, a piece of legislation in California that we
13 don't like.

14 Q. I think what you can probably do is simply cite the
15 heading on it. You don't even have to discuss what's in it.

16 A. Next document is statement to the OTA panel.

17 Q. And the date is?

18 A. Date is March 9, 1990.

19 Next is a "Dear Member" letter to the technology
20 assessment board, June 8, 1990.

21 Next is a letter from me to FTA commissioner Frank
22 Young, March 16, 1988.

23 Next is a press release in Kansas City. I only
24 dated it by memory 1988. It was at the Health Fraud
25 convention in 1988 in Kansas City.

FDA

1 Then the next is a series of pages of reproductions
2 of Choice pages beginning American's Medical Gulag and I put
3 1987-1988 on here because we've used these at various places
4 in those two years.

5 Next is dated October 23, 1987, a statement to the
6 National Cancer Advisory Board.

7 Then next is an open letter to the Faculty and
8 Planning Committee on Health Fraud meeting in Sacramento and
9 that was dated simply 1987.

10 Next is a letter March 7, 1985, to the UNESCO, or
11 no, the United Nations office in Geneva relative to a
12 document that we filed with the U.N. on March 7, '85.

13 Next is July 3, 1984, statement of a press
14 conference held in Los Angeles.

15 Next is copy of a telegram sent to the widow of
16 Congressman McDonald. Now I'm not sure of the dates,
17 whenever the plane was shot down which is -- this goes back
18 to '83.

19 Next -- the same date on all of these various
20 telegrams, one to the ambassador of the embassy of the
21 Soviet Union in Washington.

22 And then the other one is to the Charles Armer of
23 the John Birch Society on the same date.

24 One to President Ronald Reagan, same date.

25 Then December 1981 a general informational letter

1 that we put out to our chairman and members, December 1981.

2 Next is a copy of the manuscript we submitted to the
3 American Bar Association in Honolulu August 1, 1980, called
4 "Laetrile Phenomenon."

5 Next is a statement by me before the Board of
6 Medical Examiners, State of Florida dated July 26, 1980.

7 Next is a press release dated March 26, 1980 called
8 "Laetrile Proponents Go to Court."

9 Next is a copy of a brochure that we had in the late
10 '70s early '80s when we were still or before we changed the
11 name to Committee for Freedom of Choice and Cancer Therapy.
12 It's a brochure.

13 And the last document is a copy of the court case
14 entered by Robert Bradford, myself, Dr. Halstead against the
15 National Cancer Institute, et al., in the matter of
16 laetrile. That's what all these are.

17 Q. And I hand you now the documents that were in the
18 envelope produced by you entitled --

19 A. Herbercia (phonetic), items relating to Dr. Herbert.

20 Q. And I'll ask you to do the same thing briefly
21 identify and initial --

22 A. Yes, okay.

23 First one is dated November 6, 1984, from
24 Congressman or to Congressman William D. Ford to somebody in
25 the Department of Veteran Affairs.

1 Q. Do you know how you came across that document?

2 A. No. I was trying to figure that out, how I came
3 across -- why it was in my file. I don't know why it was
4 sent to me, I don't know by whom or what reason.

5 Then August-September 1987 front page of a Townsend
6 Letter is the article "Victor Herbert, M.D., Turns Seminar
7 into Melee."

8 Q. Do you know how you came to have that document?

9 A. Yes. The office subscribes to the Townsend Letter.

10 Then the next document, I'm not sure what the date
11 is. It would have to have been in early '87 from the "La
12 Jolla Light" newspaper, copy of an article that's headed "No
13 Middle Road on Cancer Quakery."

14 Next one is from the NNFA Monthly Monitor, September
15 '87. I believe NNFA stands for National Nutritionary Foods
16 Association and the article there that's reproduced is
17 called "Keeping Up with the Anti-Quakers." C

18 Q. Do you know how you came to have that document?

19 A. No, but since we usually do have in the office the
20 NNFA Monthly Monitor it probably came in whatever -- in
21 September '87.

22 Next document is the "Daily Iowan" for June 19,
23 1987, and that's also "Angry Expert Turns Seminars into
24 First Amendment Melee." I guess they were all having a good
25 time with the word "melee."

1 few others regarding the activities of the National Health
2 Federation over the last few years?

3 A. I've heard a lot of secondhand things about NHF's
4 internal problems.

5 Q. There's a or was a meeting entitled Health Freedom
6 Forum in Forest City back in June of this year.

7 A. Foster city.

8 Q. Foster city, excuse me.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And I believe you spoke.

11 A. I did, um-hum.

12 Q. What was the subject of your speech at that meeting?
13 It's entitled "Medical Challenges of the 21st Century" is
14 one of them.

15 A. All right. The medical challenges I specifically
16 referred to was AIDS, chronic fatigue and cancer.

17 Q. And it has you speaking later that day.

18 A. Just on AIDS, I think.

19 Q. Well, it says: "Open discussion, problems at NHF."

20 A. Oh, as far as I know, that didn't take place. I was
21 there for two talks that night.

22 Q. Then it has you down for Sunday June 3rd as "Hope
23 and Hoax in AIDS."

24 A. Yes, that was all about AIDS.

25 Q. And then later that day again on a panel NHF "Hope

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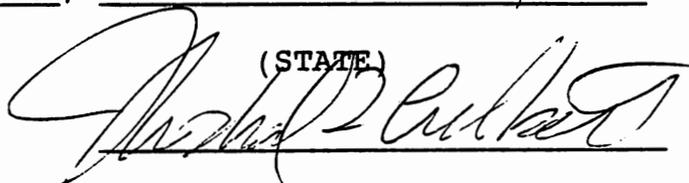
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I, MICHAEL L. CULBERT, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing transcript of my deposition taken August 16, 1990; that I have made such corrections as appear noted herein, in ink, initialed by me; that my testimony as contained herein, as corrected, is true and correct.

DATED this 25th day of September, 1990,
at San Diego, CALIFORNIA.

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MICHAEL L. CULBERT