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Mr. Joseph Backes 9 Kaine Terrace Albany, New York 12208-1215

Dear Mr. Backes:

This letter is to acknowledge and respond to your fax of April 20, 1995.

There is no formal Advisory Committee, nor is there any hierarchy to the small number of experts who will attend a working session on May 16th in Washington, D.C. This experts meeting is simply being tried as another vehicle to assist the Board in fulfilling its mandate, in addition to public hearings, public meetings, correspondence and other communication with knowledgeable parties. As I previously mentioned, the Board is leaving the option open for additional experts meetings in the future.

The individuals scheduled to attend the May 16th working session are: Robert Blakey, David Garrow, Jim Lesar, David Lifton, John Newman, and David Slawson. This meeting is being limited to these individuals, along with members of the Board and staff, to allow for a fruitful dialogue and exchange of ideas.

Clearly there are other members of the research community who have valuable information for the Review Board. Many, including yourself, have shared information freely with the Board and staff. This cooperation has been very helpful and we look forward to it continuing in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.

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