



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

December 18, 2018

Aaron Siri
Sire and Glimstad, LLP
200 Park Avenue
Seventeenth Floor
New York, New York 10166
Via email: aaron@sirillp.com

Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is regarding to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 5, 2018, assigned #19-00027-FOIA, specifically requesting:

“all emails dated at any time between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2004 sent by r. Walter Orenstein and received by Dr. William Thompson or sent by Dr. William Thompson and received by Dr. Walter Orenstein. For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes any emails encompassed by the above request in which Dr. Thompson or Dr. Orenstein received the email as a “cc” or “bcc” or in which other individuals are on the “to”, “cc” or “bcc” lines.”

We located 29 pages of responsive records (18 pages released in full and 11 pages withheld in part). After a careful review of these pages, some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552, Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6).

Exemption 5 protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, and attorney-client privileges. Information withheld under this exemption was protected under the deliberative process privilege. The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies. The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative, and do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. Examples of information withheld include deliberative discussions among employees.

Exemption 6 protects information in personnel and medical files and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, such as other private information within emails, and we have determined that the individual to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it.

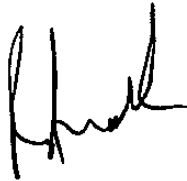
You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-

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6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by March 18, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Andoh
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
(770) 488-6399
Fax: (404) 235-1852

Enclosures

19-00027-FOIA



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)

Memorandum

Date .October 3, 2002

From The undersigned Staff of the Epidemiology and Surveillance Division (ESD), NIP

Subject Petition

To Walter Orenstein, MD, Director, National Immunization Program (NIP)

Dear Dr. Orenstein:

(b)(5);(b)(6)

Date: October 11, 2002

Dear Dr. Orenstein:

(b)(5);(b)(6)

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Sincerely,

William W. Thompson, PhD
Epidemiologist
Immunization Safety Branch
National Immunization Program
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

From: [Thompson, William](#)
To: [Orenstein, Walt](#)
Cc: [Thompson, William](#)
Subject: (b)(6)
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2002 9:10:44 AM

Dear Dr. Orenstein,

(b)(5)

Sincerely,

William W. Thompson, PhD
National Immunization Program

From: [Thompson, William](#)
To: [Orenstein, Walt](#)
Cc: [Thompson, William](#); [Wharton, Melinda](#); [Chen, Robert \(Bob\) \(NIP\)](#)
Subject: RE: Request for Evaluation of My Current Work Performance
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2002 8:36:28 AM

Dear Dr. Orenstein,

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Epidemiology
Immunization Safety Branch
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Cc: Orenstein, Walt
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Thanks,

Bill

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To: [Wharton, Melinda](#)
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Subject: FW: Request for Evaluation of My Current Work Performance
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2002 2:41:11 PM

Melinda,

Maybe if you quit wasting our time writing misleading reprimands and paying more attention to your staff's dedicated work, we wouldn't be stuck here.

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP)
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 5:55 PM
To: Thompson, William; Shay, David
Subject: FW: Request for Evaluation of My Current Work Performance

FYI.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wharton, Melinda
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 4:52 PM
To: Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP)
Subject: RE: Request for Evaluation of My Current Work Performance

(b)(5)

Melinda

-----Original Message-----

From: Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP)
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2002 11:13 PM
To: Wharton, Melinda
Subject: RE: Request for Evaluation of My Current Work Performance

(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Wharton, Melinda
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2002 8:43 AM
To: Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP)
Cc: Lane, Kim (NIP)
Subject: Fw: Request for Evaluation of My Current Work Performance

Bob, I have no idea what this is about -- what is going on here?

Melinda

-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, William <WCT2@cdc.gov>

To: Orenstein, Walt <wao1@cdc.gov>

CC: Thompson, William <WCT2@cdc.gov>; Wharton, Melinda <mew2@cdc.gov>; Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP) <rtc1@cdc.gov>

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From: [Thompson, William](#)
To: [Orenstein, Walt](#)
Cc: [Thompson, William](#)
Subject: RE: (b)(6)
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2002 12:20:51 AM

(b)(6);(b)(5)

- 1) I will be contacting an individual at the following corporate law firm tomorrow regarding these matters.
SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM (ILLINOIS)
333 West Wacker Drive
Suite 2100 Chicago
Illinois 60606-1285
(312) 407-0700
- 2) I will also be calling the CDC HRMO office on Monday regarding these matters to find out additional information.
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Thanks,

Bill Thompson

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To: [Orenstein, Walt](#)
Cc: [Snider, Dixie](#); [Malone, Kevin M.](#); [Thompson, William](#)
Subject: RE: (b)(6)
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2002 2:49:40 PM

Walt,

(b)(6);(b)(5)

Sincerely,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, William
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2002 4:00 AM
To: Malone, Kevin M.
Cc: Orenstein, Walt; Snider, Dixie; Thompson, William
Subject: FW: (b)(6)

Kevin,

I would like to have a private telephone conversation with you Monday morning if you are available.

Thanks,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Dr. Robert Chen's Reprimand

Dear Dr. Orenstein,

(b)(6)

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National Immunization Program

Thompson, William

X
From: Destefano, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2003 11:09 AM
To: Orenstein, Walt
Cc: Shay, David; Thompson, William
Subject: Scientific reputation

Walt,

I have heard that someone in CDC's legislative liaison office is questioning the "scientific reputation" of VSD scientists. This is very concerning to us. We would like to meet with you to address these concerns and what can be done to get the support of CDC management for our scientific credentials and quality of our work. I hope that you can find some time to talk with us.

Thanks,
Frank

3/8/2006

Thompson, William

From: Thompson, William
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2004 1:02 PM
To: Gerberding, Julie M.D.
Cc: Destefano, Frank; Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP); Mootrey, Gina; Wharton, Melinda (CDC); Cochi, Steve; Orenstein, Walt
Subject: IOM Presentation on February 9th.

Dear Dr. Gerberding,

I respectfully submit the following request.

Thanks,

Bill Thompson

Thompson, William

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To: Thompson, William; Gerberding, Julie M.D.
Cc: Destefano, Frank; Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP); Mootrey, Gina; Wharton, Melinda; Cochi, Steve; Orenstein, Walt
Subject: RE: IOM Presentation on February 9th.

FYI – I just dropped off a signed copy of the letter at your office. Your deputy should have it. Thanks, Bill.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2004 1:10 PM
To: Thompson, William; Gerberding, Julie M.D.
Cc: Destefano, Frank; Chen, Robert (Bob) (NIP); Mootrey, Gina; Wharton, Melinda; Cochi, Steve; Orenstein, Walt
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Whoops! I forgot the draft slides.

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To: [Mootrey, Gina \(CDC/CCID/NCIRD\)](#)
Subject: FW: Influenza slide
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 4:16:06 PM
Attachments: [Orenstein Slides Revised 2004 01 26.ppt](#)

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, William
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2004 4:51 PM
To: Shay, David; Orenstein, Walt; Cox, Nancy; Strikas, Raymond; Fukuda, Keiji
Cc: Atkinson, William (NIP)
Subject: RE: Influenza slide

Here are the slides I previously provided Walt.

-----Original Message-----

From: Shay, David
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2004 4:05 PM
To: Orenstein, Walt; Cox, Nancy; Strikas, Raymond; Fukuda, Keiji; Thompson, William
Cc: Atkinson, William (NIP)
Subject: RE: Influenza slide

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Walt

From: [Thompson, William](#)
To: [Gerberding, Julie M.D.](#)
Cc: [Thompson, William](#); [Orenstein, Walt](#)
Subject: I request the immediate resignation of Dr. Walt Orenstein for creating a hostile work environment.
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2004 5:32:53 AM

From: Fukuda, Keiji
To: [Orenstein, Walt](#); [Gimson, William H.](#)
Cc: [Wharton, Melinda](#); [Cochi, Steve](#); [Thompson, William](#); [Weintraub, Eric](#); [Cox, Nancy](#); [Moen, Ann C.](#); [Chamberland, Mary](#)
Subject: RE: Important Call Tonight
Date: Sunday, December 7, 2003 2:39:34 PM

This would have to get re-analyzed to break down the data in other age groups. I've cc'd Bill and Eric (in Bob Chen's group) above who did the original analyses but this will probably take a few days if needed.

Caveat: Even though we analyzed all death data for the U.S., the average deaths in kids are the least statistically stable (reliable) among the age group estimates because the numbers are the smallest. While they provide the best available guide, we still should be careful to avoid using the numbers in a way that conveys a false level of precision.

Keiji

-----Original Message-----

From: Orenstein, Walt
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2003 1:33 PM
To: Gimson, William H.
Cc: Fukuda, Keiji; Wharton, Melinda; Orenstein, Walt; Cochi, Steve
Subject: RE: Important Call Tonight

My preliminary look, based on a review of a paper by Keiji and others ((JAMA 2003;289:179-186) is that the average influenza epidemic, between the 1990-91 and 98-99 seasons was associated with 26 deaths in infants and 66 deaths in 1-4 year olds. The next age category is 5-49 years which does not allow us to calculate deaths in older children. Keiji may have better data.

Walt

-----Original Message-----

From: Gimson, William H.
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2003 1:10 PM
To: Orenstein, Walt
Subject: Re: Important Call Tonight

Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Orenstein, Walt <wao1@cdc.gov>
To: Gimson, William H. <whg1@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sun Dec 07 13:08:04 2003
Subject: RE: Important Call Tonight

Thanks Bill. I've asked Keiji Fukuda if he has that information.

Walt

-----Original Message-----

From: Gimson, William H.
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2003 1:06 PM
To: Orenstein, Walt

Subject: Re: Important Call Tonight

Walt: julie was interested in the past child deaths (of the 36k) so she had an idea of the est child deaths in total.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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To: Gimson, William H. <whg1@cdc.gov>
CC: Fukuda, Keiji <kxf4@cdc.gov>; Wharton, Melinda <mew2@cdc.gov>; Cochi, Steve <slc1@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sun Dec 07 13:04:19 2003
Subject: RE: Important Call Tonight

Bill - what do you mean by "denominator of child deaths"? Is this the total number of influenza deaths in children during this outbreak? Or are you asking about past experience with influenza deaths in children?

Walt

-----Original Message-----

From: Gimson, William H.
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2003 12:21 PM
To: Orenstein, Walt
Subject: Re: Important Call Tonight

Walt that's fine. Fyi - julie may ask about the denominator of child deaths - if we have that data.

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From: Orenstein, Walt <wao1@cdc.gov>
To: Gimson, William H. <whg1@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sun Dec 07 12:04:19 2003
Subject: Re: Important Call Tonight

Bill - if possible, I would like Lance Rodewald on. Lance is Director of our Immunization Services Division and is most attuned to what is going on in the states with regard to vaccine supplies and policies.

Is that okay?

Walt

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Gimson, William H. <whg1@cdc.gov>
To: Thompson, Ed <fet1@cdc.gov>; Orenstein, Walt <wao1@cdc.gov>; Telfer, Jana L. <jqt1@cdc.gov>; Fukuda, Keiji <kxf4@cdc.gov>; Skinner, Thomas W. <tw3@cdc.gov>; Ostroff, Steve <smo1@cdc.gov>; Vanderford, Marsha L. <mev7@cdc.gov>; Bice, Steven <sgb3@cdc.gov>
CC: Gimson, William H. <whg1@cdc.gov>; Henderson, Joseph <jfh0@cdc.gov>; Hanley, G. Douglas (Doug) <gch7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sun Dec 07 11:41:21 2003
Subject: Important Call Tonight

All:

From: [Cox, Nancy](#)
To: [Thompson, William](#); [Fukuda, Keiji](#); [Shay, David](#)
Subject: RE: Influenza slide
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2004 4:46:12 PM

So much confusion, so little time! Seems like a common theme.
Nancy

Nancy J. Cox, Ph.D.
Chief, Influenza Branch
Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Surveillance,
Epidemiology and Control of Influenza
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Phone: 404-639-3591
Fax: 404-639-2334

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Date: Friday, January 23, 2004 2:35:33 PM

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Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 8:14 PM
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Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:56 AM
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From: Orenstein, Walt
To: [Thompson, William](#)
Subject: RE: Influenza slides
Date: Friday, January 23, 2004 3:06:09 PM

Will Monday morning at 8:30am work for you. Can we have a number to reach you.

Thanks
Andrea

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From: Thompson, William
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2004 2:37 PM
To: Orenstein, Walt
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Yes – Monday morning works better for me.

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From: [Thompson, William](#)
To: [Thompson, William](#); [Orenstein, Walt](#)
Subject: RE: Unresolved Immunization Safety Issues
Date: Sunday, February 29, 2004 5:00:43 PM

Walt,

Obviously I meant to say that you should NOT have senior NIP staff bother me regarding your own self interests now that you are an Emory faculty member. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Thanks,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, William
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 2:48 PM
To: Orenstein, Walt
Subject: Unresolved Immunization Safety Issues

Walt,

It appears that you made a decision to leave NIP and not take care of many management concerns that I had regarding how you have dealt with Immunization Safety Issues. You had promised me previously that you would take care of those issues and you didn't. It was your choice to actually pick the 2 individuals that have the most difficulty dealing with Bob Chen – (b)(6) into the future. It was also your choice to leave in place (b)(6) (b)(6) In my opinion this is reprehensible behavior and you should apologize for it.

On another note, you should continue to have CDC staff bother me regarding influenza work I am doing while you are no longer a CDC employee.

Thanks,

Bill