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December 13, 2018

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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 November 16, 2018, assigned #19-00154-FOIA, for every email communication between January 1, 2018 and the present which includes William Thompson or his email address on the "To", "From", "Cc" or "Bcc" line and also includes Anne Schuchat or her email address on the "To", "From", "Cc" or "Bcc" line and which in any manner involves, regards, concerns, or relates to vaccines, vaccine products, vaccination, publications related to vaccination, infectious disease, vaccine efficacy concerns and/or vaccine safety concerns.

We located 124 pages of responsive records (41 pages withheld in full and 83 pages released in full or 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).

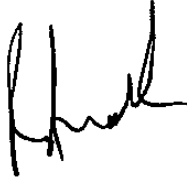
Exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. Exemption (b)(5) therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative 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 (b)(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 (b)(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 (b)(6) consists of personal information, such as 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 20740-6001, 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 13, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Andoh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosures

19-00154-FOIA

(b)(6)

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

Walt,

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

- 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.
- 3) I have left a phone message with Kevin Malone today requesting a conversation with him Monday morning.

Thanks,

Bill Thompson

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

From: Orenstein, Walt
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 4:34 PM
To: Thompson, William
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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

Without speaking to the particulars of the personnel issues, I can assure you that NIP management continues to strongly support vaccine safety-related activities and research. Furthermore, I can assure you that the NIP vaccine safety budget and vaccine safety datalink project have received funding increases for three consecutive years (FY's 2000-2002). The quality of vaccine safety activities and research

performed by Bob and his group continues to be superlative and supported by all throughout the organization. We anticipate being able to resolve our management issues and continuing this productive relationship.

Walt

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

From: Thompson, William

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2002 9:11 AM

To: Orenstein, Walt

Cc: Thompson, William

Subject: (b)(6)

Dear Dr. Orenstein,

I respectfully request that you (b)(5);(b)(6) (b)(5);(b)(6)

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

Sincerely,

William W. Thompson, PhD
National Immunization Program

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)
Sent: 28 Aug 2018 13:04:42 -0400
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Cc: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)
Subject: I have serious concerns regarding Coleen Boyle's Leadership of NCBDDD
Attachments: Exhibit 2014-03-28 Baio --- Do we have alibis.pdf, Thompson (2013)
(b)(5);(b)(6) for raising concerns regarding Diana Schendel & Paul Thorsen.pdf, Thompson (2013)
Concerns Regarding Diana Schendel and Paul Thorsen.pdf, Boyle (2013) Request to have me collaborate
with Diana Schendel.pdf, 2013-12-02 Yeargin-Allsopp (b)(5);(b)(6) for the first time in her 30 year
career.pdf, Outline of CDC E-mails Related to Whistleblowing and Paul Thorsen & Diana Schendel 2017-
11-17.docx

Anne,

I would like to speak to you about my concerns regarding Coleen Boyle's leadership of NCBDDD. Here is some information that I would like to discuss with you.

- 1) Paul Thorsen is still on the DHHS most wanted list. He has just moved further down the list from his original position of #1 in 2013.
<https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/fugitives/profiles.asp>
- 2) Coleen Boyle (2013) arranged a collaboration between myself and Diana Schendel after Diana left the CDC and moved to Denmark. Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp subsequently informed me in the fall of 2013 that Diana was leaving to be with her lover Paul Thorsen. Marshalyn also told me that Diana (b)(5);(b)(6) related to illegal activity associated with Paul Thorsen.
- 3) Thompson (2013) raising concerns about relationship between Diana Schendel & Paul Thorsen after hearing from several NCBDDD staff that they were lovers
- 4) Thompson (2013) (b)(5);(b)(6)
- 5) Beth Clay Report regarding Paul Thorsen including exchange of love letters between Diana Schendel & Paul Thorsen

<https://worldmercuryproject.org/advocacy-policy/criminal-conduct/poul-thorsen-fugitive-researcher/>

Could we please set up a time to speak about my concerns at your convenience?

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From: [Baio, Jon \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
To: [Van Naarden-Braun, Kim \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Clayton, Heather B. \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Goodman, Alyson B. \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Christensen, Deborah \(Daisy\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Maenner, Matthew J. \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Wiggins, Lisa \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Schieve, Laura \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Thompson, William \(Bill\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
Subject: Personal communication
Date: Friday, March 28, 2014 9:23:07 AM

I've been receiving some interesting e-mails describing different theories for the increase. Some of them are worthy of discussion. Others... not so much.

Also there's this unusual post on YouTube where some guy is web-surfing our data and talking to himself. It's a little creepy in parts and it reminds me why I went cellular/unlisted two years ago. I'm investigating my own theory that this one might have been an inside job. Bill? Matt?? You guys got alibis???

From: [Thompson, William \(Bill\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
To: [Lucido, Sal \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Belser-Vega, Elizabeth \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Gibbs Shields, Julie L. \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\) \(CTR\)](#)
Cc: [Lee, Kinzie \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Ghosh, Sudevi \(CDC/OCOO/OGC\)](#); [Smith, Kimberly E. \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Moore, Cynthia \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Schieve, Laura \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Thompson, William \(Bill\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance
Date: Monday, November 18, 2013 6:43:07 PM

Thanks for the clarification Sal. Given I had asked this question on November 8th and you didn't respond until today, November 18th, it seems like asking me to respond the Congressional request by the 22nd might be a little unreasonable.

Since you have decided to add both Cindy and Marshalyn to this e-mail, I have also added Laura to this e-mail since she is my direct supervisor.

Just for historical purposes, I think everyone should know how I have been involved in the Thimerosal and MMR autism studies over the last 13 years.

1. I was the project officer on the 2 most expensive thimerosal studies the CDC carried out. Over \$10 million dollars was spent carrying these 2 studies out. The 2 studies took 10 years to complete. I also finished and published a reanalysis of these 2 studies in 2012. As I have told Marshalyn, I plan on doing no vaccine safety studies in the future.
2. Sal told me by e-mail that I need to share my study notes associated with all of these studies. I have not done that previously and I am not sure that anyone else has. If they have, no one has told me that they have actually done that.
3. Therefore, I have a whole lot of study notes to review that are interspersed with a whole lot of other information in them. They cannot not be easily searched for either the Congressional request or the FOIAs.
4. Interspersed throughout these notes is a lot of personal private information including information (b)(6)
5. I have had to consult with a lawyer previously when there were questions about what needed to be shared (b)(6) In November 2003 I shared everything I had including analyses and results from several of these studies and I am assuming they were screened out of what was shared with the DOJ and Congress but I have never been told that was actually the case since no one communicates what's been shared.
6. In the last Congressional request this last spring, I shared everything again, and this time many of the e-mails were leaked to individuals outside congress which included e-mails I had written (b)(6) So clearly a whole new set of rules is being used for what is shared and what isn't shared and no information is being shared with those of us that it actually impacts. My assumption is that HIPAA rules were violated because I don't think anyone actually knew what they were sharing. There was also a note added to the document that was shared that I would like to know who added it.
7. Last but not least, I presented a whole lot of Dianna Schendel's study results with Dr. Thorsen to a whole lot of people inside the CDC. If what I am hearing outside our center

is true, then it seems like there are conflicts of interest that have not been shared with people in the scientific community. I am tired of this shit.

Bill

From: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 3:16 PM
To: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Ghosh, Sudevi (CDC/OCOO/OGC); Smith, Kimberly E. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Moore, Cynthia (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance

Bill:

The Office of General Counsel at CDC is a branch of HHS/OGC so there is no real distinction between the two entities. Any program person can reach out to our OGC attorney-advisors on any issue. Sudevi Ghosh serves in this capacity for our Center. While there is no requirement to do so, many of the program requests to OGC are routed through this office for a response. In the case of FOIA, all requests should be routed through Kim Smith and this office for response.

Finally, as you probably know Executive Branch staff are generally not permitted to engage Congress directly. These interactions are generally managed by CDC/OD staff offices (CDC/W, FMO/L) or HHS (ASL). Any interactions we have on this or any other issue would be managed by one of these administrative offices. Further, in the event a Congressional staffer reaches out to you directly in any manner (phone, email, cell phone, correspondence), that staffer or the correspondence should be referred to my office (me or Kinzie Lee) immediately for a coordinated response through proper channels.

I hope this clarifies your questions,

Sal.

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 8:30 AM
To: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance

Sal,

I have a couple of questions to ask you before our meeting next week since you are relying on CDC OGC staff for answers to my questions. Given that it looks like you will be interpreting CDC OGC advice, I would like to get advice from several other sources regarding what documents I need to share.

1. Am I allowed to consult directly with the CDC OGC that provided you guidance?
2. Am I allowed to consult directly with HHS OGC?
3. Am I allowed to consult directly with Congressional staffers?

Thanks,

Bill

From: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:41 PM
To: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance

I do want you there. Sorry for any confusion

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance

Sal – You cc'd me so I wasn't sure whether you wanted me included in that meeting. If not, I will wait to hear back from you. Thanks, Bill

From: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: OGC Guidance

Let's set up some time next week to walk through the guidance OGC sent me on Bill's question.

Sal.

From: [Boyle, Coleen \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
To: [Erik Thorlund Parner](#); [Jørn Olsen](#); [Carsten Obel](#); [David M. Hougaard \(DH@ssi.dk\)](#); [Nanna Larsen \(NLA@ssi.dk\)](#); ["Peter Uldall" \(peter.uldall@rh.regionh.dk\)](#); [Hooper, Craig \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Nelson, Phillip \(NIH/NICHD\)](#) [V]; [Moore, Cynthia \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
Cc: [Diana Schendel](#); [Thompson, William \(Bill\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
Subject: RE: Neuromarkers and CP
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 6:11:58 PM

Hi Erik and Diana: I hope all is well with you both. I am including some comments from Bill Thompson who has recently joined our DD Branch. I am copying Bill on this email. He has expressed interest in continuing to work with you on this and the other biomarker studies. Perhaps he can represent me on this body of work.

Thanks,

Coleen

My comments are based primarily on the methods

1. *I suggest running analyses defining cases in 2 ways*
 - a. *Including cases mental deficiency*
 - b. *Excluding cases with mental deficiency*
 - c. *This could be very informative to all of us*
2. *I would suggest they match with the more traditional 1 to 2 case/control ratio*
 - a. *Their decision may have been driven by cost – if so there is nothing we can do about it*
 - b. *Either way I would suggest 2 things:*
 - i. *Estimate power of the design given it is less than 2*
 - ii. *Find reference to support (1 to 1.6 case ratio)*
3. *I am a little concerned about their Bayesian analyses.*
 - a. *Their prior for the association between biomarker & CP = 0. (seems reasonable)*
 - b. *Their prior for variance = 1.125*
 - i. *Suggested decision was based on the fact that the variance should be large (not sure if this is reasonable or true)*
 - ii. *Not sure where they came up with the value 1.125?*
 - iii. *I suggest they provide reference for effect size.*
 - c. *In addition I would suggest running the analyses with and without the priors to see how the results change (using the more traditional Bonferroni adjustment)*

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From: Erik Thorlund Parner [mailto:PARNER@BIOSTAT.AU.DK]

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 7:00 AM

To: Jørn Olsen; Carsten Obel; David M. Hougaard (DH@ssi.dk); Nanna Larsen (NLA@ssi.dk); 'Peter Uldall' (peter.uldall@rh.regionh.dk); Hooper, Craig (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Nelson, Phillip (NIH/NICHD) [V]; Boyle, Coleen (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Moore, Cynthia (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)

Cc: Diana Schendel

Subject: Neuromarkers and CP

Dear all,

Diana and I have made further progress on the analysis on the biomarkers and CP. Attached are a draft manuscript and an updated set of results. Diana is presenting the results at a meeting this week.

Best regards,
Erik

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From: [Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
To: [Thompson, William \(Bill\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
Subject: RE: (b)(6)
Date: Monday, December 02, 2013 12:35:14 PM

Hi Bill,

I confirmed that this will not affect your (b)(6)
(b)(6) I also do not think Laura needs to attend the meeting I will just give her an FYI after we meet. Sound ok?

Marshalyn

From: Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2013 5:35 PM
To: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: (b)(6)

Hi Bill,

That is a good question and I do not know the answer since I have never done this before. I will seek guidance and get back to you. I share your opinion but I do not know what the expectation is at higher levels.

Hope you are enjoying your break. (b)(6) is coming on Thursday (I guess you know that!)
(b)(6) seems really nice (for the brief time I saw him).....

See you tomorrow.

Marshalyn

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From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2013 1:43 PM

To: Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalvn (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)

Subject: (b)(6)

If it does, then I think we should include Laura in the meeting. I personally don't think it needs to impact (b)(6) for many different reasons. Thanks, Bill

Facts as I know them for January & February 2004

1. Jan 12 --- I express continued concerns regarding Race-Effects

Facts as I currently know them for Fall of 2013

1. Nov 7th e-mail. Sal Lucido says he was seeking guidance from OGC regarding documents.
2. Nov 7th e-mail. I accidentally call Brian Hooker when I called a number next to a US Congressman to see if the number was still current for purposes of whistleblowing.
3. Nov 14th e-mail. I ask Elizabeth Belser-Vega if I can get a CDC credit card to copy my notes at a Federal Express Office.
4. Nov 14th e-mail. I inform Elizabeth Belser-Vega that I am copying notes that have personal notes (health records) included in them and I need to redact information from some of the notes.
5. Nov 14th e-mail. I ask Sal Lucido and all his NCBDDD staff to recuse themselves from reviewing my notes and documents related to the MMR-Autism study because they included personal information (health records) and documents regarding Coleen Boyle, his center director.
6. Nov 15th e-mail. I ask to speak to someone directly in OGC to express my concerns regarding sharing my notes with NCBDDD staff
7. Nov 18th e-mail. Sal Lucido says that all FOIA related documents and requests have to be routed through Kim Smith and Sal Lucido's office. I had already made that request previously. Sal implies that I cannot speak directly with Congressional staffers without his knowledge.
8. Nov 18th e-mail. Sal Lucido says he does not anticipate recusing himself but he will wait until we meet in person together the next day to discuss.
9. Nov 19th e-mail. I send an e-mail to both Marshalyn (my branch chief) and Laura Schieve (my direct supervisor) inviting them to the 9:30 AM meeting with Sal Lucido and Elizabeth Belser-Vega to discuss privacy exemptions. Sal & Elizabeth have not invited either of these individuals to the meeting.
10. Nov 19th Meeting with Sal Lucido, Elizabeth Belser-Vega, and Sal's other 2 staff members.
 - a. I discuss Paul Thorsen being on the DHHS most-wanted list.
 - b. I discuss Diana Schendel and Paul Thorsen's relationship
 - c. I inform them that in 2002 through 2004, Diana Schendel were working together and attended meetings together to discuss the MMR-Autism Study and the Thorsen-Schendel MMR-Autism studies.
 - d. I suggest that Sal and his staff recuse themselves.
 - e. I suggest that I am taking advantage of the "personal exemption" clause in FOIA regulations and not sharing personal health records with them.
11. Nov 21st e-mail. Paula Kocher from the CDC Office of General Counsel sends me an e-mail saying that Ceci Vellasco will come over and copy my green notebooks. I have not requested they copy my note books and no one has told me that they requested that I have them copy my notebooks.
12. Nov 21st e-mail. I inform Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp that I have (b)(6) (b)(6) in my notebooks and that I am not comfortable with CDC OGC reviewing those notes.
13. Sunday Dec 1st e-mail. Bill asks Laura Schieve (my direct supervisor) to be included (b)(6)
Sunday Dec 1st e-mail. Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp suggests that is the FIRST TIME she has ever done this. Marshalyn has been working at the CDC since
14. Dec 2nd e-mail. Marshalyn Yeargin Allsopp suggest that Laura not be included in the (b)(6) (b)(6) and Marshalyn would send her a FYI after the session.
15. Dec 3rd (b)(6) Memo (Marshalyn Yeargin Allsopp &

- a. Title of Memo: (b)(6)
 - b. Refers to Nov 18th e-mail but doesn't refer to the exact line which says "
16. Dec 6th: I express concerns regarding the inaccuracies in the (b)(6) and ask that my correspondences with Sal Lucido be included in the (b)(6)
- (b)(6)

Facts as I currently know them Fall 2017

- 17. Sal Lucido e-mail suggesting he doesn't recall the meeting.

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)
Sent: 30 Aug 2018 12:30:46 +0000
To: Boyle, Coleen (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Cc: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD);Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP);'William Thompson'
Subject: Question about the Schendel-Thorsen Relationship --- when did you know?
Attachments: Thorsen requests hurry up of Pediatrics paper with Schendel --- 110927_ResponseToDanishCommitteeOnSciDishonesty_CombinedLetterExhibits_b.pdf, poul-thorsen-criminal-conduct-exhibits-36-love-emails.pdf, 2013-11-07 Questions I asked Sal Lucido regarding FOIAs -- - he was seeking OGC Guidance.pdf, 2013-12-03 Yeargin-Allsopp (b)(5);(b)(6) regarding Thorsen-Schendel documents.pdf, Draft Letter to Sal & Elizabeth regarding Joanne Wocjiks meeting notes with Paul Thorsen.docx

Two of your current staff members said they knew of the Thorsen-Schendel relationship while traveling with you on junkets to Denmark. My guess is they will be unwilling to lie for you now.

Apparently there were extravagant dinners held by Thorsen and paid for by Thorsen. Did you attend any of these events?

CoMED Inc.

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September 27, 2011

Béatrice Sloth
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Dear Dr. Sloth

Thank you for your July 7, 2011 response to my Sept. 15, 2010 email and Nov. 24, 2010 email regarding the scientific misconduct of Dr. Poul Thorsen.

Dr. Thorsen was a “scientist in residence” at the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) between 2000 and 2002. At this time, the CDC was very concerned regarding the putative causal relationship between infant vaccinations and autism. In fact, the CDC commissioned the Institute of Medicine (a body independent of the U.S. Government and commercial interests) of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences to specifically investigate this issue.

In the summer of 2001, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) was about to issue a report stating that it had found the relationship between mercury exposure via Thimerosal-preserved vaccines and autism incidence to be biologically plausible, based on a comprehensive review of the most current scientific literature.

This decision was very unpopular within the CDC and chief scientists within the National Immunization Program (of the CDC) set out to find autism incidence and vaccine uptake data in other countries that might be able to be used to disprove such a causal relationship. As such, Dr. Thorsen was approached to serve as a liaison between the CDC and Denmark scientists to facilitate an investigation into the incidence of autism in Denmark after the phase out of Thimerosal-preserved vaccines in 1992.

After the relationship had been established with Dr. Thorsen in 2000, Dr. Diane Simpson, Acting Deputy Director of the National Immunization Program (NIP), contacted one of Thorsen’s colleagues in Denmark, Dr. Kreesten Madsen to access autism incidence data, in hopes that the causal relationship between thimerosal containing vaccines and autism could be disproven [see **Exhibits 1 and 2**]. Dr. Simpson specifically asked whether autism incidence rates went up in the 1990’s and Dr. Madsen replied that they had gone up only slightly and that this could be explained by varying diagnostic criteria used to account for autism cases and by the inclusion of outpatient clinics in counting these cases starting in 1995 [see **Exhibit 1**]. Denmark had phased out Thimerosal-preserved vaccines in 1992 and the CDC was looking for data that showed a significant increase in autism rates after this date [see **Exhibit 1**], which could be used to disprove the “autism-thimerosal” theory, and the Danish researchers involved obviously tried their best to generate a paper that provided what the CDC wanted.

Despite the fact that autism rates did not increase dramatically after 1992, Dr. Simpson visited Denmark in August, 2001, and entered into a collaboration with scientists at Aarhus University (including Dr. Thorsen). This led to the publication of the paper, “Thimerosal and

the occurrence of autism: negative ecological evidence from Danish population-based data” that appeared in the journal *Pediatrics* in 2003 [Madsen KM, Lauritsen MB, Pedersen CB, Thorsen P, Plesner A-M, Andersen PH, Mortensen PB. Thimerosal and the Occurrence of Autism: Negative Ecological Evidence From Danish Population-Based Data. *Pediatrics* 2003 Sep; 112(3): 604 -606].

Based on redacted copies of pertinent e-mails obtained from the CDC under the US Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), it was clear that Dr. Poul Thorsen:

- Knew, *contrary to the paper's assertions*, that the “incidence and prevalence” rates for autism had dropped after the removal of the Thimerosal-preserved (“Thimerosal-containing”) vaccines from the Danish vaccination program in 1992 (see Exhibit 3), and
- Acted to facilitate the publication of a knowingly misleading article (see Exhibit 4).

From the context of the **Exhibit 3**'s e-mail, it is clear that, at a minimum, Kreestenn Meldgaard Madsen, Marlene Briecciet Lauritsen, and Poul Thorsen knew that the autism rates declined after the Thimerosal-containing vaccines were withdrawn from the Danish vaccination program as did the CDC (Diana M. Schendel).

The Madsen et al. (2003) paper was riddled with severe methodological flaws and the purported increases in autism rates in Denmark may be explained by three phenomena that occurred after 1992, when Thimerosal-containing vaccines were phased out of the Danish vaccination program.

1. First, the National Center for Registry Based Research (NCRB), which stewarded the autism incidence data, changed accounting methods and started counting autism cases based on outpatient visits in 1995 [see Exhibit 1], whereas, before this date, only inpatient (hospital) visits were recorded. This alone led to an estimated 13.5-fold increase in autism cases as reported in Madsen et al. (2002) [*NEJM* 2002; **347**: 1477].
2. Second, in 1994, the NCRB changed diagnostic criteria for autism from ICD8 (psychosis infantilis posterior) to ICD10 (infantile autism) [see Exhibit 1]. This alone would lead to an approximate 5-fold increase in autism cases based on the estimation presented in Trelka and Hooker (2004) [Trelka JA, Hooker BS. Correspondence: More on Madsen's Analysis. *J Am Physicians Surgeons* 2004 Winter; **9**(4): 101].
3. Finally, the authors of the Madsen et al. (2003) publication neglected to account for the inclusion of a large outpatient clinic in Copenhagen in 1992, which accounted for 20% of the autism cases nationwide [Trelka and Hooker (2004)].

Taken together, these three confounding factors account for the entire increase in autism diagnoses after 1992. In fact, one comprehensive review of the data as published showed that autism rates could have *decreased* after 1992 by as much as 75% [Trelka and Hooker (2004)]. The authors (including Thorsen) appear to have obfuscated the underlying trends in the data by neglecting these three factors in their analysis. This led to one journal's outright rejecting the manuscript for publication.

After this, Dr. Thorsen contacted CDC researcher Dr. Diana Schendel to recruit Dr. Jose Cordero, the then Director of the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental

Disabilities of the CDC, to write a recommendation letter for expedited publication of the paper in the journal *Pediatrics*.

The most egregious example of misconduct was carried out in the data analysis leading to the Madsen et al. (2003) publication. In a Nov. 13, 2002 email correspondence obtained from the CDC via the Freedom of Information Act, Dr. Marlene Lauritsen, co-author of the publication, stated that the autism rates between 1999 and 2001 were actually decreasing.

Regarding the autism rates, Dr. Lauritsen stated, "But the incidence and prevalence rates are still decreasing in 2001" [see **Exhibit 3**]. These data did not support the assertion of the paper that thimerosal exposure was not causally related to autism. However, the final version of the published article did not include any of the 2001 data. The inclusion of this data would have, *at a minimum*, nullified the conclusions of the paper and could have indeed reversed them, showing a causal relationship between Thimerosal exposure and autism incidence in Denmark.

There have been several requests for the original data in order to repeat this study. However, the data have never been released to the public. Most notably, researchers Dr. Brian Hooker and Mr. Jeffrey Trelka (Autism Healing Network) submitted a letter to the editor of the journal *Pediatrics*, rebutting the Madsen et al. (2003) publication. Upon receipt, the editor of the journal forwarded the letter to the co-authors, who chose not to respond. This lack of transparency on the part of the Madsen et al. (2003) publication authors is, *at a minimum*, curious, especially considering the severe methodological flaws in the published paper.

To summarize, in the Madsen et al. (2003) paper, Dr. Poul Thorsen apparently colluded with several of his co-authors to withhold data that does not support the published paper's conclusions, apparently conspired to misrepresent the reported data to lead readers to believe that the autism rates in Denmark increased dramatically after 1992 when they actually decreased, and apparently conspired to conceal the role of the CDC in producing this publication as shown by the e-mails in **Exhibits 1-5**.

Respectfully yours,



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Danish Parliament Member

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Exhibit 1

Documents from US CDC FOIA Requests: Diane M Simpson's Copy of E-mail Stream:

Starting with last:

From: Simpson, Diane M.
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2001 8:17 AM
To: 'Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen'
Subject: RE: autism data

Summary of the Critical Issues

Overall, this communication string establishes that the “true” Danish incidence and prevalence rates for autism: **a)** were not changing dramatically and **b)** the apparent changes were probably attributable to changes in the diagnostic criteria (ICD8 vs ICD10) and the inclusion of outpatient-clinic data “from 1995” as follows:

After introductory e-mails on 12 June 2001 from Diane M. Simpson (CDC) and 13 June response on 13 June 2001, Simpson asks Madsen in “13. juni 2001 13:58” e-mail, “RE: autism data”:

“... Out' primary question is: did the rates increase dramatically from the late 1980's into the 1990s as they did in the United States. A quick answer to that question would mean a great deal to us here!!! (even without specific numbers)”

Madsen's “Wednesday, June 13, 2001 8:07 AM” response:

“To the best Of my knowledge - no, the rates did not increase dramatically in the late 1980's. I am not sure the rates increased at all before 93.”

Simpson's “13. Juni 2001 14:19” email asked:

“Did they increase after 1993?”

Madsen's “Thursday, June 14, 2001 6:45 AM” email answered:

“Yes but not very dramatically and there could be reasons for that. First of all we had a change from ICD8 to ICD10 in 1994 and furthermore our outpatient clinics were registered in our surveillance from 1995. But I do not have the data here, so this is from my memory.”

Simpson's “Thursday, June 14, 2001 8:17 AM” email responded:

“Thanks for what you have thus far. Please let me know whenever you hear from the author of the paper on the autism rates whether he will share this data with us.”

Simpson, Diane M

From: Simpson, Diane M.
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2001 8:17 AM
To: 'Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen'
Subject: RE: autism data

Thanks for what you have thus far. Please let me know whenever you hear from the author of the paper on the autism rates whether he will share his data with us.

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

From: Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen [mailto:KMM@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2001 6:45 AM
To: 'Simpson, Diane M.'
Subject: RE: autism data

Yes but not very dramatically and there could be more reasons for that. First of all we had a change from ICD8 to ICD10 in 1994 and furthermore our outpatient clinics were registered in our surveillance from 1995. But I do not have the data here, so this from my memory.

Best regards

Kreesten

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

From: Simpson, Diane M. [mailto:dms3@cdc.gov]
Sent: 13. juni 2001 14:19
To: 'Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen'
Subject: RE: autism data

Did they increase after 1993??

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

From: Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen [mailto:KMM@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2001 8:07 AM
To: 'Simpson, Diane M.'
Subject: RE: autism data

To the best of my knowledge - no, the rates did not increase dramatically in the late 1980's. I am not sure the rates increased at all before 93.

Best regards

Kreesten

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

From: Simpson, Diane M. [mailto:dms3@cdc.gov]
Sent: 13. juni 2001 13:58
To: 'Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen'
Subject: RE: autism data

Thank you very much. Our primary question is: did the rates increase dramatically from the late 1980's into the 1990s as they did here in the United States. A quick answer to that question would mean a great deal to us here!!! (even without the specific numbers)

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

From: Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen [mailto:KMM@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2001 4:51 AM

To: 'Simpson, Diane M.'
Subject: RE: autism data

Dear Diane Simpson,

An article is soon to be published on secular trends in the incidence and prevalence of autism in Denmark. The work was started before I started working with autism six months ago and I have not been part of that. I shall ask the author how far they are in the process and what I can mail to you. I now have a copy of the autism data myself but have only looked at it briefly. The prevalence (my rough calculations) is around 7-9 pr. 10.000 in the mid nineties.

Best regards

Kreesten

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

From: Simpson, Diane M. [mailto:dms3@cdc.gov]
Sent: 12. juni 2001 17:27
To: 'kmm@dadlnet.dk'
Subject: autism data

Doctor Madsen,

Your name was given to me by our new Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. I am the acting deputy for the National Immunization Program and need to find whatever data may exist on autism rates in children in Denmark over the last 20 years. As always, I need the data sooner rather than later. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Exhibit 2

Documents from US CDC FOIA Requests: Diane M Simpson's Copy of E-mail:

From: Simpsom, Diane M.
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2001 8:31 AM
To: 'pbm@ncrr.au.dk'
Subject: RE: FW: visit to Denmark

Summary of the Critical Issues

The most recent “----Original Message----”, dated: “Friday, August 17, 2001 4:19 AM”, from: Preben Bo Mortensen [mailto: pbm@ncrr.au.dk] (of the National Center for Register-based Research), to: Simpson, Diane M., subject: Re: FW: visit to Denmark, which clearly shows that the CDC (Diane M. Simpson, a CDC employee, and Paul (Stehr-Green), a CDC consultant) were meeting on Friday 24 August, 2001 to discuss speeding “up publication of the autism-rates (treated incidence and prevalence 1971-2000) in connection with data on thimerosal use in Denmark” with “Poul” (Thorsen) and “Kreesten” (Madsen) and an unidentified “doctoral student”. [Note: This meeting is One of the antecedent events for the published paper: “Kreesten M. Madsen KM, Lauritsen MB, Pedersen CB, Thorsen P, Plesner A-M, Andersen PH, Mortensen PB. Thimerosal and the Occurrence of Autism: Negative Ecological Evidence From Danish Population-Based Data. *Pediatrics* 2003 Sep; 112(3): 604 -606”.]

The earlier “Simpson, Diane M.” message:

> I re-read an earlier email from Dr. Michael Stellfeld at the SS1 . He
> had written that Monday, Aug 27 would be the best day t o meet with him
> and his staff. Could we, therefore , meet with you on Friday, August
> 24?”,

clearly indicating that the CDC personnel were meeting with a vaccine manufacturer's employee who also happens to be one of the authors in another “Thimerosal-autism” paper [see: Stehr-Green P, Tull P, Stellfeld M, Mortenson P-B, Simpson D. Autism and thimerosal-containing vaccines: Lack of consistent evidence for an association. *Am J Prevent Med* 2003 Aug; **25**(2): 101-106].

Simpson, Diane M

From: Simpson, Diane M.
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2001 8:31 AM
To: 'pbm@ncrr.au.dk'
Subject: RE: FW: visit to Denmark

Thank you. Paul and I will see you on Friday August 24 at 2PM. Neither of us have been to Denmark, so the fact that you are distant from Copenhagen will allow us to see more of your country.

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

From: Preben Bo Mortensen [mailto:pbm@ncrr.au.dk]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2001 4:19 AM
To: Simpson, Diane M.
Subject: Re: FW: visit to Denmark

Dear Dr. Simpson

Thank you for your mail. You would be welcome to visit Friday August 24. Unfortunately I already have a number of meetings sceduled, but I will be free at 2 pm. We are located in Aarhus, about 3 hours by train or a little less by air, from Copenhagen. Our address is below, and I'll be happy to send further directions when I know your exact plans. About the data I have discussed this with the doctoral student as well as Poul and Kreesten, and we have decided to try to speed up publication of the autism-rates (treated incidence and prevalence 1971-2000) in connection with data on thimerosal use in Denmark. I'll try to have a draft paper ready for you by Friday 24. We could then discuss the results as well as how to proceed with the publication process. Best wishes Preben Bo Mortensen

"Simpson, Diane M." wrote:

> I re-read an earlier email from Dr. Michael Stellfeld at the SSI. He
> had written that Monday, Aug 27 would be the best day to meet with him
> and his staff. Could we, therefore, meet with you on Friday, August
> 24?

>

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Simpson, Diane M.
> > Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2001 1:08 PM
> > To: 'pbm@ncrr.au.dk'
> > Subject: visit to Denmark

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> > Dr. Mortensen,

> >

> > Dr. Paul Stehr-Green and myself have finally received permission to
> > travel to Denmark and meet with you and your staff regarding your
> > autism data. We are looking forward to be able to speak with you
> > in-person. I believe our previous telephone call included the
> > reasons why we are seeking data on autism but I will be happy to
> > answer any questions you may have.

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> > Paul and I will be leaving the US the evening of August 22 and will
> > arrive in Copenhagen around noon on August 23. (I must travel on
> > August 21, so August 20 will be my last day in the office before the
> > trip to Denmark)

> >

> > We will be in Denmark all day on Friday, August 24 through late
> > afternoon on Monday 27. Will there be a convenient time to meet
> > with you and/or your student about your registry's data? Will you
> > please send us the address of your office?

> >

> > I am also trying to arrange a visit with persons at the SSI during
> > the time that we are there to learn more about vaccines and vaccine-
> > coverage in Denmark. I do not know yet what time or day will be

> > convenient for them.

> >

> > Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to meeting with you.

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Exhibit 3

Documents from US CDC FOIA Requests: Diana Schendel's Copy of E-mail:

From: Kreesten Meldgaargd Madsen [KMM@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 5:33 AM
To: Marlene Brieciet Lauritsen; Poul Thorsen; Schendel, Diana
Subject: RE: Manuscript about Thimerosal and autism

Summary of the Critical Issue

The “----Original Message----”, dated: “Wed 13 11 2002 09:24”, from: Marlene Brieciet Lauritsen, (mailto: mb1@dadlnet.dk), to: Poul Thorsen, Kreesten Meldgaargd Madsen and dcs6@cdc.gov, subject: Manuscript about Thimerosal and autism, which, when speaking of autism in Denmark, clearly states: “But the incidence and prevalence are still decreasing in 2001”.

Thus, all of these individuals, Kreesten Meldgaargd Madsen, Marlene Brieciet Lauritsen, Poul Thorsen, and Diana Schendel, knew by the end of November 13, 2002, *if not before*, that the removal of the Thimerosal-preserved DTP vaccine from the Danish vaccination program had led to a decrease in the “incidence and prevalence” of autism in Denmark. Yet they all colluded with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to submit a document for publication that made a knowingly false claim that the “rate” of autism increased after the Thimerosal-preserved vaccines were withdrawn for use in Denmark.

10-05-2005 02:55pm From-

T-923 P.002/028 F-345

Schendel, Diana

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From: Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen [KMM@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 5:33 AM
To: Marlene Briclet Lauritsen; Poul Thorsen; Schendel, Diana
Subject: RE: Manuscript about Thimerosal and autism

Hi Marlene,

I am not currently at the university but I will contact you and Poul tomorrow to make up our minds. Best regards,
Kreesten

-----Original Message-----
From: Marlene Briclet Lauritsen (mailto:mb1@dadlnet.dk)
Sent: Wed 13-11-2002 09:24
To: Poul Thorsen; Kreesten Meldgaard Madsen; dcs6@cdc.gov
Cc:
Subject: Manuscript about Thimerosal and autism

Dear Poul, Kreesten and Diane Schendel
Attached I send you the short and long manuscript about Thimerosal and autism in Denmark.

I need to tell you that the figures in the manuscripts do not include the latest data from 2001. I only have these figures as a paper version and they are at work. But the incidence and prevalence are still decreasing in 2001.

I look forward to hear from you again.
Best regards
Marlene

Exhibit 4

Documents from US CDC FOIA Requests:

Redacted Poul Thorsen E-mail:

From: Poul Thorsen [mailto:pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2002 6:02 AM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: Autism thimerosal cover letter

Summary of the Critical Issue

This e-mail confirms Dr. Thorsen's role in getting article published as well as the assistance the CDC was providing to get the article published as soon as possible in 2003.

Poul Thorsen's request : "... Could you or Coleen write a cover-letter underlining the importance of getting this information out now? Please do not mention the Journals name, as it is not finalized, <redacted> Could you bring this letter with you when you come? See you soon"

-----Original Message-----
From: Poul Thorsen (mailto:pt@SOCI.AU.DK)
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2002 6:02 AM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: Autism thimerosal paper - cover letter

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T-915 P.003/006 F-331

Thank you!

Wayne Mayhew

Exhibit 5

Documents from US CDC FOIA Requests: Cordero Letter to Editor in Chief, Pediatrics:

Summary of the Critical Issue

Letter shows the CDC's use of influence at a high level (United States Assistant Surgeon General) to get this knowingly biased study published:

"Sincerely,

<s>

José F. Cordero, M.D., M.P.H.

Assistant Surgeon General

Director

National Center on Birth Defects
and Developmental Disabilities"

The letter cleverly states

"In addition, a key strength of the study is the ability to examine rates of autism prior to and after the discontinuation of vaccines containing thimerosal in Denmark in 1992. Contrary to what would be expected if thimerosal was linked to autism, the authors did not observe a decline in the rate of autism with the removal of thimerosal containing vaccines."

In addition, the letter closes with:

"I feel this is a very important study that deserves thoughtful consideration by the Journal. Its findings provide one strong piece of evidence that thimerosal is not causally linked to autism. Thank you for your timely consideration."



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December 10, 2002

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Dear Dr. Lucey:

I am writing in support of an expedited review and consideration of the enclosed manuscript that examines the association between thimerosal, an ethyl mercury containing preservative, and autism. As you may know, there has been considerable interest by parents, clinicians, educators, and policy makers for an explanation of the marked increase in the rate of autism in recent years. A University of Davis study released in October of children identified through the California developmental disabilities service system, reemphasized the upward trend in autism and the lack of understanding as to the cause.

One factor hypothesized to have a causal role is childhood vaccinations. Specific aspects of vaccinations that have been subject to inquiry include the MMR vaccine and thimerosal. There are now numerous epidemiologic studies to suggest that the MMR vaccine is not associated with the risk of autism; an Institute of Medicine review that was published in 2000 concluded that the weight of the scientific evidence did not support a link between MMR vaccine and autism.

For thimerosal, however, there are limited data to evaluate this factor. Because mercury in its inorganic form is known to have serious neurologic effects, many parents have speculated that the increased number of vaccines (many of which contained thimerosal) may have been a significant factor in the recent rise in autism. The Danish study is a powerful epidemiologic study of this issue and capitalizes on the Danish health registry system that incorporates all health encounters into disease and exposure specific registries. In addition, a key strength of the study is the ability to examine rates of autism prior to and after the *discontinuation* of vaccines containing thimerosal in Denmark in 1992. Contrary to what would be expected if thimerosal was linked to autism, the authors did not observe a decline in the rate of autism with the removal of thimerosal containing vaccines.

Page 2 - Dr. Jerold F. Lucey, Editor in Chief, PEDIATRICS

I feel this is a very important study that deserves thoughtful consideration by the Journal. Its findings provide one strong piece of evidence that thimerosal is not causally linked to autism. Thank you for your timely consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jose', with a stylized flourish at the end.

José F. Cordero, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Surgeon General
Director
National Center on Birth Defects
and Developmental Disabilities

Exhibit 36

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 2:20 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Happy New Year's Day!!

Hello Love,

Wonderful to hear from you! I have gotten lovely e-mails back from you, so I do not feel rejected or forgotten. I miss the conversation too, but it is pretty unstable from here at Koh Phangan.

Our new years eve was pretty wild with a lot of firework and wild rockets exploding close to our feet, so at a time just after midnight we felt best of getting under roof and in distance from those drunk beach people.

I am following up on things and slowly getting deeper into the biomarker stuff. I have read (different levels) most of the papers that you sent me and also tried some alleys. I know that you are eager to hear something from and you will as soon as I have some good sense of that it is not blind alleys.

Take care and best wishes for our year, 2007!

Love,
 Poul

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Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 1. januar 2007 20:13
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Happy New Year's Day!!

My dearest love,

Its a bright and sunny day and I am trying to avoid any stressful work - I tried to clean up some work email and my heart began to pound, so I quit after just reading it all - I didn't try to respond. Worries enough to take on when I have to - which technically doesn't start until Wednesday! Since former President Ford died last week, Jan 2 has been declared a day of mourning and all federal offices are closed. I'll probably get a small start, and I already organized my brief case and made a to-do list for this week, so that is a good start, eh?

I am really eager to connect with you again by voice! I want to express my appreciation for all the warm and loving emails you have sent me over the holidays. I have been surrounded by people for the last 10 days, and so have only been able to sneak a peak at my Blackberry or lock myself in the bathroom to quickly reply to you - without fail, within minutes of "disappearing" someone would call out my name and I would be drawn back into the crowd. But, I always had your words in my mind and their message kept me lively and happy all through the hours!

I hope you are having a wonderful time with Christian in your exotic and far away place! I am sure you are gaining strength from the break and much needed refreshment! Send my a picture or 2, if you can.

My New Year's Day message is a simple one..... the moments we share are painfully brief, but the love they uphold and refresh sustains me through the weary hours, the every days, the longest weeks, the months flying by with ever increasig momentum into the year's labors.

And a new year begins! I am feel ready for it all, thanks to you in my heart.
 be safe, come home soon, think of me always,
 your ever lovin'
 D.

4/21/2009

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2006 1:03 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

Dearest Diana,
It is all meant in the most positive way - if you weren't a challenge, then I would not be around. Have a wonderful Happy New Year Eve!!! You are in my thoughts always!
Love
Poul

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

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sent: Sat 12/30/2006 5:33 PM
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: Re: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

My dear,

Your words keep ringing in my mind - how am I your strongest challenge? Is that a good thing or a bad thing?

I wish we could talk! Oh, happy moment when I hear your voice again!

Loving hugs,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Poul Thorsen <PT@SOCI.AU.DK>
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Fri Dec 29 11:09:16 2006
Subject: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

Dearest Diana,

We are leaving for Koh Phagnan tomorrow, so I do not know how well that I will be connected on e-mail / mobile phone.

You are my greatest gift in life and you are strongest challenge!

I am very much looking forward to the time that we will spend together in 2007 - my wish for 2007 is that I will celebrate 2007 New Years Eve with you!

I love you of all what I have got!

Wonderkisses and heavenly hugs,
Poul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2006 8:10 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Merry Christmas!!!

Dearest Diana,

I hope that you are fine, I have missed the contact with you a lot and I hope that we soon can connect again. December, and especially this one, has been extremely busy. Getting sick in the middle of our grant writing process was not good either.

I know that you are busy too and most likely you are taking care of all your family right now – getting ready for your big Christmas day and gifts. Have a wonderful day among your family members and enjoy the warmth around you!

As I remember you were also planning to go up into the mountains and look for property – I wish that I could join you. It would be lovely, if you could find a place and get started. Things takes time and time becomes more and more precious the older you get.

I and Christian are heading off for Thailand later today and I am looking forward to our company – however, next Christmas I will be close to you!

I love you and I am thinking of you a lot! Merry Christmas!!!

Hugs,
Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 2:39 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Purchase

Dearest Diana,

I am on my way in Copenhagen airport. However, I can only get my boarding card at the gate and before that I cannot buy stuff. I will ship it to you, when I am back in Denmark late November.

I am very pleased that you are able to pick me up and spend some time around the house!

See you very soon for huge kisses!

Love,
Poul

Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 11. november 2006 16:59
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Purchase

Hi sweetheart,

If you have the opportunity tomorrow in the airport, could you buy me a wine pourer that fits in the carafes you gave me years ago - Rosendahl ?? Its a spout that fits in the top like a cork. I am using the carafes for vinegar and oil and need another spout.

If you can't, no problem as I'll pick up later.

Counting the moments until I see you! Safe travels and limber up that hug!

kys
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 1:43 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Moon watch

Dearest Diana,

Lovely to hear from you and a fresh breeze from Atlanta. I miss you and I am very much looking forward to seeing you next week. Here it has been overcast for many reasons; literally and also because I was preparing the script finalizing the resignation of Jørn Attermann. It is sad and I cannot help blaming myself for not reacting long time ago.

Hungering for your embracement and your voice!

Love,
Poul

Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 6. november 2006 03:24
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Moon watch

Dearest,

I saw the moon and the moon saw you. A crystal lens peering deep into my heart.

Love and enormous hugs,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2005 3:21 AM
To: 'Poul Thorsen'
Subject: RE: Next spring

My love,

Funny thing..... yesterday, when I was on my "run", I was savoring with every step (thump-thimp-thump against the soft damp earth) the lovely spring weather and admiring the earliest spring blooms that I don't see in Atlanta. You know the ones, the smallest white snow drops, blue stars, yellow and purple crocuses that grow in abundance on the grass and tucked under trees. From afar they look like a blanket of color, but up close they are merely perfection in miniature. And then, coming up fast are the daffodils and tulips – and that is when I thought – YES! YES! I am so happy at the prospect of for ever having the opportunity to have a Nordic spring!! To see all this beauty slowly unfolding slowly and over weeks in a way that is very different from the southern US, but every bit as lovely. And, I dreamt of having a garden here some day that I can cherish and experiment with color, texture, shape...such magnificent soil too...and every now and then, as I work, look up and see you there (well, perhaps, see you waving from the window since I know how you hate gardening ☺).

Splendid spring, that only splendid love can bring, to fill your heart!
 Next spring, cherry blossoms in Washington – it's a date!
 Love, D.

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

From: Poul Thorsen [mailto:PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2005 3:39 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: Next spring

Dearest Diana,

I saw this wonderful picture of Cherry-trees from Washington DC. I also thought of once long time ago; a rose and the Mall. I would like to be there next year with you!

Love,
 Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

I am still struggling with this mood and so will humor it by writing you a letter instead of working. I have been thinking of how little I have been writing – for such a long time now, it seems. Why am I always running now, and filling my days with what – I can't remember – but it must be important for me to work so hard at it. At the moment the thought of digging into the pile of paper work waiting for me makes me feel sick to my stomach. But, then I start in and after awhile the bad feeling goes away and I am OK. In the end I'll get it all done, and more.

Lovely sunrise this morning. That's my only complaint about the apartment – there is no comfortable spot for me to sit and watch the day wake up. The kitchen is cozy and a nice window, but no comfortable chair. The family room has the comfortable chair, but faces west. The living room faces east but not a very good view - maybe I need to rearrange the living room. Or maybe, rearrange my bedroom – it has the best window and faces east. Ian's room also has a great window, but faces west and gets the best sunsets – a benefit that he has commented on with great satisfaction. Now that the leaves have dropped from the trees, we get a wider and more dramatic view out of our windows. And the winter skies at dusk go all soft and purple. I am filled with great satisfaction on the evenings when we are home together at dusk, and its warm inside, and I light candles and watch the rich colors fade through the frosty windowpanes. We have started to have a family movie time on Friday nights and we all gather in Ian's room to watch it – with the sky as our backdrop. Even if the skies are grey and burdened with clouds, the bare tree branches define the skyline with drama and provide a satisfying contrast to the interior glow. It's a good thing and makes me feel better to think about it.

I have been thinking a lot about our last few weeks and our times together. I am filled with a secret joy at the richness and depth of our relationship. It seems to be reaching into higher levels and plunging into greater depths since I arrived in Aarhus.... Just when I think we have reached a perfect harmony, it surprises me and gets even better. Have you felt that too? There are some moments, when my heart is near bursting and I am afraid to speak for breaking the spell. Often, the moment is so brief that it passes and takes my breath away with it. I often wonder if you felt the same, but am afraid for asking in case you didn't – that would be terrible! Then again, I sense other moments when I feel you are carried away also

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2004 10:59 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: A moment of room/space
Importance: High

Dearest Diana,

I found room – you know the Danish translation and meaning! Have a wonderful day!

Love,
Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 1:12 PM
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: hello!
Attachments: chatty letter.doc

Hi sweetie!

Attached is a letter I wrote last night, but I couldn't connect from home to send it. I just spent a bit of time reading it over and adding a bit – time off from the day because of an impending headache and so I took some medicine and shut my door and ignored the world for awhile to let the med take hold. But it was boring to just sit, so I spent some time with you. I feel better now.

love, D.

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4/21/2009

March 2, 2004, evening

My dear Poul,

At last I have some free time to write you the chatty letter I have wanted to write for a week now. Since I left you and Denmark (you know, I am really becoming very attached to your country as I learn, and observe, and discover more and more on my own - for its own sake, and not just because you are there....oh, and guess what! The viking ship sculpture is back in the hillside en route to Bent's house - poised for tragedy, mystery, and ghostly shadows. I don't know when the best time to see it would be, wrapped in fog at winter day break, or in the bright sun and waving green grass of spring. Try both times and tell me what you thinkbut, these are other topics of discussion and I need to get back to the beginning of this sentence)..... I have had countless conversations with you in my mind, and mentally composed many paragraphs of many letters. Few hours go by that you don't come into my thoughts, and I wish that I could dash off the lines right at that instant so you would know that I am thinking of you. Although you are less inclined to write, I know you are thinking of me too, and often - imagine all of that psychic energy flying across the Atlantic! But, please remember this about me - that you are ever, always, my companion in thought and inner feeling, even during long weeks of separation and unfortunate days of silence.

But, the main idea I have wanted to share with you recently is something I read in one of my current books (I usually have at least 2 books that I am reading at any one time - and I switch back and forth depending on my mood and degree of tiredness). I think you saw it at the summer house, "Galileo's Daughter". As you know his astronomical observations challenged the strict interpretation of biblical accounts of creation and upset all kinds of insecure religious leaders. Ironically, he was a devote Catholic and did not see any conflict in what he observed as a learned professional and what he believed as a Catholic. And he had his supporters all through out Europe, even some Danish astronomers whose writings he consulted! (aren't all these connections wonderful), and many of them wrote opinions and texts that are astonishingly fresh and clear thinking. I say, "astonishing" only because I am inclined to imagine that 500 years ago the level of ignorance was so great as to make it pointless to read it. But, I have been humbled - again. On the plane ride home from Denmark, I read a few passages that electrified me - mainly because they were beautifully written, and revealed a beautiful mind - and I instantly wanted to share them with you. If you had been sitting next to me, I would have grabbed your arm in excitement and undoubtedly spilled your drink or upset your fork poised in mid-air. So, here they are.

The first is taken from a letter that Galileo wrote to a colleague, and he makes an analogy (in music) about the difficulties in logic and observation that the church puts itself in to try and maintain that the earth is the center of the universe and does not move. And since he is also trying to figure out the correct logic, mostly by just observing and reasoning, he is cautious himself. So he says:

"Nevertheless, I shall not abandon the task in despair. Indeed, I hope that this new thing will turn out to be of admirable service in tuning for me some reed in this great discordant organ of our philosophy - an instrument on which I think I see many organists wearing themselves out trying vainly to get the whole thing into perfect harmony. Vainly, because they leave (or rather preserve) three or four of the principal reeds in discord, making it quite impossible for the others to respond in perfect tune."

Do you see what he is saying, that by failing, or unwilling, to replace the parts that don't work, the whole system fails. Simple idea, but beautifully expressed, I think. Is this not the struggle we face every day, when we face our scientific problems? (well, maybe even facing our problems of life, also!)

And, in this next passage he separates religion and science in clear and eloquent argument, that I wish everyone who has ever debated the roles of these two institutions should read!

"I believe that the intention of Holy Writ was to persuade men of the truths necessary for salvation such as neither science nor any other means could render credible, but only the voice of the Holy Spirit. But I do not think it necessary to believe that the same God who gave us our senses, our speech, our intellect, would have put aside the use of these, to teach us instead such things as with their help we could find out for ourselves, particularly in the case of these sciences of which there is not the smallest mention in the scriptures;"

Do you feel the same humility as I did, when I first read these lines? Imagine, looking into the depths of the universe with a piece of polished glass and, with only that, reasoning out some of its most fundamental truths. And then expressing the thoughts and arguments so eloquently and clearly.

The rest of the book has many such lines, and many others that are much less inspiring. A good read altogether.

The other book I am reading is soft and soothing, for when I am tired and don't want a challenge, or another second of stimulation. I am tired now.

I miss being with you, Poul, very much. I like what I am with you.

And so
coupled,
in arms,
loving couple
at rest.

D.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2004 3:18 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Happy Birthday
Importance: High

Dearest Diana,

I hope that you are having a wonderful birthday with your family. I miss to be with you on such a day, however, I do expect that the time we will spend together during the following two weeks will be your present and my joy!

Have a great day, my love!

Kiss and hugs,
Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2004 9:57 PM
To: 'pt@soci.au.dk'
Subject: Fire and ice

Dearest,

Last night as I was reading, lots of pillows and blankets tucked here and there around me, I felt pin pricks behind my ears. An odd spot for irritation of that kind and then I realized that I hadn't taken out my earrings - the ones you gave me.

So, I slipped them off, and became thoughtful - thinking of you, and slowly rolling them about in my palm under the lamplight. The depth of color in them is remarkable. Piercing shafts of green and blue, flecked with gold, almost as if you could dive inside and disappear into another world, the deepest ocean depths.

And then there was a flash of red, gone in an instant. I puzzled over that one for a long time, turning and twisting it in the light trying to find the angle to release the fire. I almost gave up a couple of times, thinking, well its not there, just my imagination.

And then, it flashed again - slowly, I learned how to trigger the flash. Just right and I could coax it larger, the cool green melting away.

Rolling, rolling in my palm. Small amulets of love, and buried passion.

Shall I show it to you, just a few days now?
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Int: Saturday, January 10, 2004 8:48 AM
: 'pt@soci.au.dk'
Subject: Saturday Morning

Hello love,

Its the classic winter day for these parts: wet near-freezing air, dark thick clouds, bare tree limbs piercing the gloom. The houses all around appear abandoned, so shuttered are they against the misery outdoors. Instead, I put a small, arching oak branch in my back window and entwined tiny white lights around it, curved. Very cheerful and its like a magnet for us all, the sofa next to the window is a popular spot. I also planted narcissus bulbs in a variety of containers and they are ready to be brought out into friendly window spaces for blooming. The bulbs are varied - white, yellow, or fragrant - so I shall experiment with the effects of that display!

I am getting ready for denmark - shall I be a good dane in training?

I am looking forward to your arrival. I miss being near you, physically near you. I forget, or block out that aspect, but seeing you in the picture brought it to a conscious level. I like the physical pull when we are together - it adds something, would you agree? Apart from that, physical attraction is such a pleasant sensation all on its own - although I must be highly selective on a subconscious level because I rarely feel it. Thinking about it, the mix of intelligence and a pleasing physical look is my trigger and that's rare in my world.

What an odd train of thought....

Well, we need to talk about a number of work things, so please find time to call. Where are you!!

Gotta go to a basketball game. Have a good weekend.

Missing you very much,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 6:33 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: I am here!

Dear Diana,

Wonderful to hear from you. Thank you so much for the lovely present (I only got the letter this far, but I expect to pick it up tomorrow). I am both intrigued by the thought of fighting with a sword (I do not recall the right expression of this thin sword) and by your way of getting to that idea. I have never of myself as an elegant fighter more like a bull, but I know of my very fast reactions, when it is not put through the brain-filter (if it ever get through). Also, describing it in the context of us getting to our "understanding" – what a wonderful thing and I love thinking of us using these thin swords and this forth and back idea. Strong minds and wills – what a thrill! You may write something about it some day!

Well, this seems only to be the beginning, so I will get back to you later this week.

Take care my wonderful friend!

Love,
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]

Sendt: 19. november 2003 12:14

Til: Poul Thorsen

Emne: I am here!

Hello love,

I am awake, but just barely alive because of a headache and general jet lag. I just wanted to say hello, I miss you.

Kiss and hug,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2003 1:12 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: FW: I am in the office!
Attachments: Maybe_this_has_some_of_it.jpg

Dear Poul,

I am sure I will be here all afternoon, but should leave by 6:00/24:00 in order to be home for Sunday evening dinner. Tomorrow I will not be able to talk probably – out of the office in the morning for Chris' house closing and an afternoon meeting.

Yes, I see love in your picture – maybe different loves for different things. And maybe just a picture of the mood of love. I am sitting at my desk at the office and looking out of the huge window into green tree tops and blue sky with wispy white clouds. Hanging in the window is a lovely twisted and gnarled root I found this summer floating in the river by the cabin at Lake Lure – I brought it back and have hung from it, three blue-green glass balls I bought in Aarhus the Saturday before I left in June**. The balls are each different but shades of the same and remind me of the greens and blues of danmark land and sky, changing moods with the changing sunlight. If I could send you a picture of love, it would be a photograph of this window "sculpture" – capturing many loves.

(**that last morning that we planned to meet you for lunch and I was going to show you my new treasures – remember that disappointment and troubles you had?!))

I can't wait to hold you in my arms again.
D.

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

From: Poul Thorsen [mailto:PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2003 12:45 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: SV: I am in the office!

Dear Diana,

I hope you still are there and thinking. I will not make it to the office until later tonight and early tomorrow morning.

Well, I am better in creating pictures and expressing my feelings in pictures – here is what came to my mind, when I saw your e-mail. Maybe we will talk tonight or tomorrow.

4/21/2009

Hugs and kisses,
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]

Sendt: 5. oktober 2003 16:16

Til: Poul Thorsen

Emne: I am in the office!

Hi there! If you'd like to chat, give me a call.

Some exciting things I wanted to tell you about (perhaps I am too easily thrilled? ☺) - I am reading a great book on the development of English, and discovered some lovely things about Dane-English co-existence ☺ - even lovely quotes from a famous Danish linguist (Jespersen) – and it reminded me about a Danish author (writing about Jutland life in the 19th century) that I wanted to try and get in English

Times like this I feel so very much in love – and happy for the experience. Do you understand what I mean by that?

Hugs, D.

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 4:30 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: SV: Hot dog!

Dear Diana,

I have been trying to reach you on your mobile phone without any luck. Anyhow, whatever could work for you on a retreat, as you seem to have the heaviest obligations with your family.

I miss you too, and we need to connect soon! Hot dog means a warm sausage, doesn't it?

Kind regards
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----
Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 27. april 2003 16:20
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Hot dog!

Hello love,
I think I have a possible plan for a get away !!! State lodges in North GA, I can stage a "retreat" maybe. I am still thinking through the possibilities, but maybe...

I am home working in the garden now, maybe a little shopping late in the afternoon if you want to call my cell phone.

I miss you!!

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 10:01 PM

To: Schendel, Diana

Subject: Moon and late

Dear Diana,

I think that I wrote some nonsens – it should have been:

The moon is just in front of my window now – nearly round. The moon says: "Send me a kiss and I will forward it to D with love and sensual tender". So I did!

Tomorrow springs comes to Denmark! Sleep well my dear!

Love,
Poul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2003 5:34 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: wet Sunday afternoon

Dear Diana,

Thank you so very much for the nice letter – I love you and I love to read these small notes and descriptions of life and weather in Atlanta. I just finished the exam-questions for the students and proper answers too, and tomorrow will be a new teaching day. However, on my trip this late afternoon, there was this glooming reddish light over the sea and at the same moment a full moon rising – that made me think of you and times with you! Keep the spirit high – someone is thinking of you and someone is waiting for you You know the person very well!!!

Hugs and kisses across a red sea,
 Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 16. februar 2003 23:04
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: wet Sunday afternoon

Hello love,

I am just about ready to leave the office for home and wanted to get in touch with you. I have been here this afternoon working on a backlog of promised-work-that-I-never-got-done related to the autism centers c-c study. The extra benefit will be that all this increased familiarity with autism that I am slowly acquiring can be applied to our DNBC autism application!

But I don't want to talk about work. It's a real February sunday - tons of rain, low low clouds, bone-chilling wet (not freezing, but temp about 3-5 degrees), wisps of fog, blurry lights, fragrance of wood smoke from chimneys in the air, empty streets. I brought a candle from home and lit it here - watching the flame now and thenfunny thing its relaxing, but also provides a focus for my thoughts.

Actually, I don't have much to say, but it was worth it to sit here for a bit and think about you. I have enjoyed these past minutes with you. Hugs can fly, you know, with proper encouragement and without regard for time or weather. Well, here's one from me.... a bit musty from damp wool and wood smoke, but with a faint scent of perfume - like a memory.

We need to hold onto those memories over weeks and months, hold tight tight.

I love you,
 D.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2003 10:24 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Happy Birthday to you!

Attachments: Glimpseoffuture.jpg



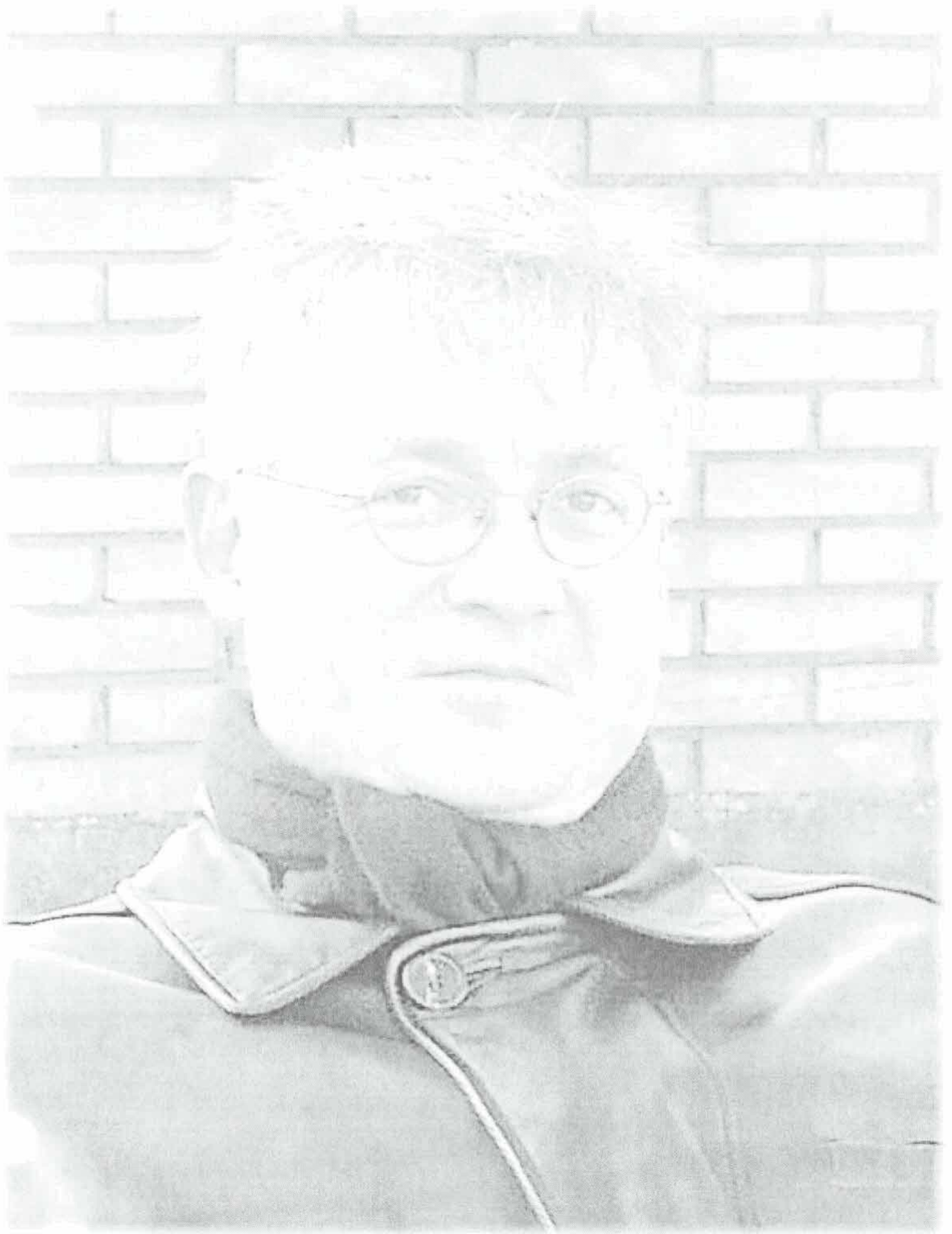
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Dearest Diana,

I am not perfect --- you will have to live with that. I was about to e-mail you yesterday and congratulate you - then my friend Jens called. He had just taken the trip from Yokohama in Japan to be with his dying father. That should not have distracted my thought of you, but it did for some time. Jens is staying with us for the moment.

However, here I am unshaved, but with good thoughts and full of trust and believe. With glimpse of the future and with hopes for many more of the very lovely moments with you, I wish you a happy birthday!

Love,
Poul



Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 9:45 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Dear Diana,

Thank you so much for all your notes and voice mails.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!!!

We have been busy all Christmas and finally on New Years Eve we had planned to relax and settle in for some good time with the kids. Well, at night Andreas got so drunk and had a major crush to his head that we had first pick him up driving in a not sober condition (Taxis were not available), and then to sit by him all night observing him for not having any crush to the brain (you might have a specific expression that I do not remember). However, luckily he is OK, but with major bruises especially in the face.

I am sorry that I did not get a chance to greet you - however, I will catch up with you this following week.

Now I am just trying to finish up for my trip Atlanta.

LOVE, HUGS and see you very soon!
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

From: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sent: 31. december 2002 03:55
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: Coffee mug flashbacks

Hello love,

You have been at the front of my thoughts all the long day, but even so you burst like a rocket through my mind when I unexpectedly saw your coffee mug in my kitchen cabinet this evening.

One of the dark blue ones from the summer house. I had taken it with me, filled with strong coffee, when I left the house for my drive to Billund a few weeks ago. I debated whether I should take the liberty of taking the mug without asking, but I really needed the caffeine to keep me alert on the drive. I was very tired and sleepy and all-night diners serving coffee to drowsy drivers don't seem to be part of the highway scene in Denmark. In the end, I decided you wouldn't mind.

What a blast to my imagination and memory. Scene after scene, of me, of you, of us both, in the summerhouse flying through my mind in an instant.

Transported. By a small blue cup.

Incredible too. I felt better after the moment passed. Better than I had felt all day.

Can you feel the intensity of my feelings for you? Am I a fool? Are we both fools?

I wish I could return the cup this instant, and talk with you. Talk and talk. Fill an emptiness with chat.

Love and hugs, filled to the top by a small blue cup, D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 11:02 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Dear Diana,

I am so sorry for having hurt you - that has not been by intention at any time and you are right - I should have left you a note or called. I will make it up to you, when I come! I promise!

8th, 9th, 10th - whatever fit your world!

The NAAR proposal is getting there and you will get a copy tomorrow!

I will have a rental car, so I do not need to be picked up, but I surely would be happy to take you for a ride from the airport to Champlée or to The corner bakery for a cup of coffee!

Looking forward to seeing you and also I have a lot glasses for you! Do you want me to bring it all at once, or how many do you need now!

Love,
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

From: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcsh6@cdc.gov]
Sent: 2. januar 2003 16:47
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: Re: SV: Coffee mug Flashbacks

Hi Poul,

I am very sorry to hear of Andreas' accident and injury. It must have been an awful experience for you and Lisbet, but a relief to have no lasting harm. Well, I suppose he still feels pretty bad - between the hangover AND crash! Poor kid.

What ARE your plans for your trip here? If you are still planning some time for the two of us, I need to make arrangements too. What about Monday?

I am also sorry you didn't send any greeting, or word, anytime. It really hurts. Just a simple hello.

I am working at home today and tomorrow because Mom is away and kids still out of school. Is the NAAR proposal in good shape?

I am anxious to see you too, hurt and anticipation all mixed together.
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

From: [Lucido, Sal \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
To: [Thompson, William \(Bill\) \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Belser-Vega, Elizabeth \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#); [Gibbs Shields, Julie I. \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\) \(CTR\)](#)
Cc: [Lee, Kinzie \(CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD\)](#)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance
Date: Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:40:33 PM

I do want you there. Sorry for any confusion

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: OGC Guidance

Sal – You cc'd me so I wasn't sure whether you wanted me included in that meeting. If not, I will wait to hear back from you. Thanks, Bill

From: Lucido, Sal (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Belser-Vega, Elizabeth (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Gibbs Shields, Julie I. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Cc: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD); Lee, Kinzie (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)
Subject: OGC Guidance

Let's set up some time next week to walk through the guidance OGC sent me on Bill's question.

Sal.

November 19, 2014

Sal & Elizabeth,

I want to inform you of something I wasn't very comfortable with regarding our FOIA meeting last Thursday November 13th at 3:00 PM EST. In the meeting, Joanne Wocjik asked whether her personal notes regarding meetings with Paul Thorsen needed to be shared with Brian Hooker, and you told her no. After you told her no, several individuals in the room encouraged her to destroy those notes. I am hoping you will convey to Joanne not to destroy those notes because it might be considered obstruction of justice given that many individuals outside the CDC would want to see and read those notes if they knew they existed, including Congressman Posey.

Sincerely,

William W. Thompson

Exhibit 36

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 2:20 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Happy New Year's Day!!

Hello Love,

Wonderful to hear from you! I have gotten lovely e-mails back from you, so I do not feel rejected or forgotten. I miss the conversation too, but it is pretty unstable from here at Koh Phangan.

Our new years eve was pretty wild with a lot of firework and wild rockets exploding close to our feet, so at a time just after midnight we felt best of getting under roof and in distance from those drunk beach people.

I am following up on things and slowly getting deeper into the biomarker stuff. I have read (different levels) most of the papers that you sent me and also tried some alleys. I know that you are eager to hear something from and you will as soon as I have some good sense of that it is not blind alleys.

Take care and best wishes for our year, 2007!

Love,
 Poul

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Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 1. januar 2007 20:13
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Happy New Year's Day!!

My dearest love,

Its a bright and sunny day and I am trying to avoid any stressful work - I tried to clean up some work email and my heart began to pound, so I quit after just reading it all - I didn't try to respond. Worries enough to take on when I have to - which technically doesn't start until Wednesday! Since former President Ford died last week, Jan 2 has been declared a day of mourning and all federal offices are closed. I'll probably get a small start, and I already organized my brief case and made a to-do list for this week, so that is a good start, eh?

I am really eager to connect with you again by voice! I want to express my appreciation for all the warm and loving emails you have sent me over the holidays. I have been surrounded by people for the last 10 days, and so have only been able to sneak a peak at my Blackberry or lock myself in the bathroom to quickly reply to you - without fail, within minutes of "disappearing" someone would call out my name and I would be drawn back into the crowd. But, I always had your words in my mind and their message kept me lively and happy all through the hours!

I hope you are having a wonderful time with Christian in your exotic and far away place! I am sure you are gaining strength from the break and much needed refreshment! Send my a picture or 2, if you can.

My New Year's Day message is a simple one..... the moments we share are painfully brief, but the love they uphold and refresh sustains me through the weary hours, the every days, the longest weeks, the months flying by with ever increasig momentum into the year's labors.

And a new year begins! I am feel ready for it all, thanks to you in my heart.
 be safe, come home soon, think of me always,
 your ever lovin'
 D.

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2006 1:03 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

Dearest Diana,
It is all meant in the most positive way - if you weren't a challenge, then I would not be around. Have a wonderful Happy New Year Eve!!! You are in my thoughts always!
Love
Poul

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

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sent: Sat 12/30/2006 5:33 PM
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: Re: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

My dear,

Your words keep ringing in my mind - how am I your strongest challenge? Is that a good thing or a bad thing?

I wish we could talk! Oh, happy moment when I hear your voice again!

Loving hugs,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Poul Thorsen <PT@SOCI.AU.DK>
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Fri Dec 29 11:09:16 2006
Subject: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

Dearest Diana,

We are leaving for Koh Phagnan tomorrow, so I do not know how well that I will be connected on e-mail / mobile phone.

You are my greatest gift in life and you are strongest challenge!

I am very much looking forward to the time that we will spend together in 2007 - my wish for 2007 is that I will celebrate 2007 New Years Eve with you!

I love you of all what I have got!

Wonderkisses and heavenly hugs,
Poul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2006 8:10 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Merry Christmas!!!

Dearest Diana,

I hope that you are fine, I have missed the contact with you a lot and I hope that we soon can connect again. December, and especially this one, has been extremely busy. Getting sick in the middle of our grant writing process was not good either.

I know that you are busy too and most likely you are taking care of all your family right now – getting ready for your big Christmas day and gifts. Have a wonderful day among your family members and enjoy the warmth around you!

As I remember you were also planning to go up into the mountains and look for property – I wish that I could join you. It would be lovely, if you could find a place and get started. Things takes time and time becomes more and more precious the older you get.

I and Christian are heading off for Thailand later today and I am looking forward to our company – however, next Christmas I will be close to you!

I love you and I am thinking of you a lot! Merry Christmas!!!

Hugs,
Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 2:39 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Purchase

Dearest Diana,

I am on my way in Copenhagen airport. However, I can only get my boarding card at the gate and before that I cannot buy stuff. I will ship it to you, when I am back in Denmark late November.

I am very pleased that you are able to pick me up and spend some time around the house!

See you very soon for huge kisses!

Love,
Poul

Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 11. november 2006 16:59
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Purchase

Hi sweetheart,

If you have the opportunity tomorrow in the airport, could you buy me a wine pourer that fits in the carafes you gave me years ago - Rosendahl ?? Its a spout that fits in the top like a cork. I am using the carafes for vinegar and oil and need another spout.

If you can't, no problem as I'll pick up later.

Counting the moments until I see you! Safe travels and limber up that hug!

kys
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 1:43 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Moon watch

Dearest Diana,

Lovely to hear from you and a fresh breeze from Atlanta. I miss you and I am very much looking forward to seeing you next week. Here it has been overcast for many reasons; literally and also because I was preparing the script finalizing the resignation of Jørn Attermann. It is sad and I cannot help blaming myself for not reacting long time ago.

Hungering for your embracement and your voice!

Love,
Poul

Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 6. november 2006 03:24
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Moon watch

Dearest,

I saw the moon and the moon saw you. A crystal lens peering deep nto my heart.

Love and enormous hugs,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2005 3:21 AM
To: 'Poul Thorsen'
Subject: RE: Next spring

My love,

Funny thing..... yesterday, when I was on my "run", I was savoring with every step (thump-thimp-thump against the soft damp earth) the lovely spring weather and admiring the earliest spring blooms that I don't see in Atlanta. You know the ones, the smallest white snow drops, blue stars, yellow and purple crocuses that grow in abundance on the grass and tucked under trees. From afar they look like a blanket of color, but up close they are merely perfection in miniature. And then, coming up fast are the daffodils and tulips – and that is when I thought – YES! YES! I am so happy at the prospect of for ever having the opportunity to have a Nordic spring!! To see all this beauty slowly unfolding slowly and over weeks in a way that is very different from the southern US, but every bit as lovely. And, I dreamt of having a garden here some day that I can cherish and experiment with color, texture, shape...such magnificent soil too...and every now and then, as I work, look up and see you there (well, perhaps, see you waving from the window since I know how you hate gardening ☺).

Splendid spring, that only splendid love can bring, to fill your heart!
 Next spring, cherry blossoms in Washington – it's a date!
 Love, D.

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

From: Poul Thorsen [mailto:PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2005 3:39 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: Next spring

Dearest Diana,

I saw this wonderful picture of Cherry-trees from Washington DC. I also thought of once long time ago; a rose and the Mall. I would like to be there next year with you!

Love,
 Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

I am still struggling with this mood and so will humor it by writing you a letter instead of working. I have been thinking of how little I have been writing – for such a long time now, it seems. Why am I always running now, and filling my days with what – I can't remember – but it must be important for me to work so hard at it. At the moment the thought of digging into the pile of paper work waiting for me makes me feel sick to my stomach. But, then I start in and after awhile the bad feeling goes away and I am OK. In the end I'll get it all done, and more.

Lovely sunrise this morning. That's my only complaint about the apartment – there is no comfortable spot for me to sit and watch the day wake up. The kitchen is cozy and a nice window, but no comfortable chair. The family room has the comfortable chair, but faces west. The living room faces east but not a very good view - maybe I need to rearrange the living room. Or maybe, rearrange my bedroom – it has the best window and faces east. Ian's room also has a great window, but faces west and gets the best sunsets – a benefit that he has commented on with great satisfaction. Now that the leaves have dropped from the trees, we get a wider and more dramatic view out of our windows. And the winter skies at dusk go all soft and purple. I am filled with great satisfaction on the evenings when we are home together at dusk, and its warm inside, and I light candles and watch the rich colors fade through the frosty windowpanes. We have started to have a family movie time on Friday nights and we all gather in Ian's room to watch it – with the sky as our backdrop. Even if the skies are grey and burdened with clouds, the bare tree branches define the skyline with drama and provide a satisfying contrast to the interior glow. It's a good thing and makes me feel better to think about it.

I have been thinking a lot about our last few weeks and our times together. I am filled with a secret joy at the richness and depth of our relationship. It seems to be reaching into higher levels and plunging into greater depths since I arrived in Aarhus.... Just when I think we have reached a perfect harmony, it surprises me and gets even better. Have you felt that too? There are some moments, when my heart is near bursting and I am afraid to speak for breaking the spell. Often, the moment is so brief that it passes and takes my breath away with it. I often wonder if you felt the same, but am afraid for asking in case you didn't – that would be terrible! Then again, I sense other moments when I feel you are carried away also

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2004 10:59 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: A moment of room/space
Importance: High

Dearest Diana,

I found room – you know the Danish translation and meaning! Have a wonderful day!

Love,
Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 1:12 PM
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: hello!
Attachments: chatty letter.doc

Hi sweetie!

Attached is a letter I wrote last night, but I couldn't connect from home to send it. I just spent a bit of time reading it over and adding a bit – time off from the day because of an impending headache and so I took some medicine and shut my door and ignored the world for awhile to let the med take hold. But it was boring to just sit, so I spent some time with you. I feel better now.

love, D.

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March 2, 2004, evening

My dear Poul,

At last I have some free time to write you the chatty letter I have wanted to write for a week now. Since I left you and Denmark (you know, I am really becoming very attached to your country as I learn, and observe, and discover more and more on my own - for its own sake, and not just because you are there....oh, and guess what! The viking ship sculpture is back in the hillside en route to Bent's house - poised for tragedy, mystery, and ghostly shadows. I don't know when the best time to see it would be, wrapped in fog at winter day break, or in the bright sun and waving green grass of spring. Try both times and tell me what you thinkbut, these are other topics of discussion and I need to get back to the beginning of this sentence)..... I have had countless conversations with you in my mind, and mentally composed many paragraphs of many letters. Few hours go by that you don't come into my thoughts, and I wish that I could dash off the lines right at that instant so you would know that I am thinking of you. Although you are less inclined to write, I know you are thinking of me too, and often - imagine all of that psychic energy flying across the Atlantic! But, please remember this about me - that you are ever, always, my companion in thought and inner feeling, even during long weeks of separation and unfortunate days of silence.

But, the main idea I have wanted to share with you recently is something I read in one of my current books (I usually have at least 2 books that I am reading at any one time - and I switch back and forth depending on my mood and degree of tiredness). I think you saw it at the summer house, "Galileo's Daughter". As you know his astronomical observations challenged the strict interpretation of biblical accounts of creation and upset all kinds of insecure religious leaders. Ironically, he was a devote Catholic and did not see any conflict in what he observed as a learned professional and what he believed as a Catholic. And he had his supporters all through out Europe, even some Danish astronomers whose writings he consulted! (aren't all these connections wonderful), and many of them wrote opinions and texts that are astonishingly fresh and clear thinking. I say, "astonishing" only because I am inclined to imagine that 500 years ago the level of ignorance was so great as to make it pointless to read it. But, I have been humbled - again. On the plane ride home from Denmark, I read a few passages that electrified me - mainly because they were beautifully written, and revealed a beautiful mind - and I instantly wanted to share them with you. If you had been sitting next to me, I would have grabbed your arm in excitement and undoubtedly spilled your drink or upset your fork poised in mid-air. So, here they are.

The first is taken from a letter that Galileo wrote to a colleague, and he makes an analogy (in music) about the difficulties in logic and observation that the church puts itself in to try and maintain that the earth is the center of the universe and does not move. And since he is also trying to figure out the correct logic, mostly by just observing and reasoning, he is cautious himself. So he says:

"Nevertheless, I shall not abandon the task in despair. Indeed, I hope that this new thing will turn out to be of admirable service in tuning for me some reed in this great discordant organ of our philosophy - an instrument on which I think I see many organists wearing themselves out trying vainly to get the whole thing into perfect harmony. Vainly, because they leave (or rather preserve) three or four of the principal reeds in discord, making it quite impossible for the others to respond in perfect tune."

Do you see what he is saying, that by failing, or unwilling, to replace the parts that don't work, the whole system fails. Simple idea, but beautifully expressed, I think. Is this not the struggle we face every day, when we face our scientific problems? (well, maybe even facing our problems of life, also!)

And, in this next passage he separates religion and science in clear and eloquent argument, that I wish everyone who has ever debated the roles of these two institutions should read!

"I believe that the intention of Holy Writ was to persuade men of the truths necessary for salvation such as neither science nor any other means could render credible, but only the voice of the Holy Spirit. But I do not think it necessary to believe that the same God who gave us our senses, our speech, our intellect, would have put aside the use of these, to teach us instead such things as with their help we could find out for ourselves, particularly in the case of these sciences of which there is not the smallest mention in the scriptures;"

Do you feel the same humility as I did, when I first read these lines? Imagine, looking into the depths of the universe with a piece of polished glass and, with only that, reasoning out some of its most fundamental truths. And then expressing the thoughts and arguments so eloquently and clearly.

The rest of the book has many such lines, and many others that are much less inspiring. A good read altogether.

The other book I am reading is soft and soothing, for when I am tired and don't want a challenge, or another second of stimulation. I am tired now.

I miss being with you, Poul, very much. I like what I am with you.

And so
coupled,
in arms,
loving couple
at rest.

D.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2004 3:18 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Happy Birthday
Importance: High

Dearest Diana,

I hope that you are having a wonderful birthday with your family. I miss to be with you on such a day, however, I do expect that the time we will spend together during the following two weeks will be your present and my joy!

Have a great day, my love!

Kiss and hugs,
Poul

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2004 9:57 PM
To: 'pt@soci.au.dk'
Subject: Fire and ice

Dearest,

Last night as I was reading, lots of pillows and blankets tucked here and there around me, I felt pin pricks behind my ears. An odd spot for irritation of that kind and then I realized that I hadn't taken out my earrings - the ones you gave me.

So, I slipped them off, and became thoughtful - thinking of you, and slowly rolling them about in my palm under the lamplight. The depth of color in them is remarkable. Piercing shafts of green and blue, flecked with gold, almost as if you could dive inside and disappear into another world, the deepest ocean depths.

And then there was a flash of red, gone in an instant. I puzzled over that one for a long time, turning and twisting it in the light trying to find the angle to release the fire. I almost gave up a couple of times, thinking, well its not there, just my imagination.

And then, it flashed again - slowly, I learned how to trigger the flash. Just right and I could coax it larger, the cool green melting away.

Rolling, rolling in my palm. Small amulets of love, and buried passion.

Shall I show it to you, just a few days now?
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Int: Saturday, January 10, 2004 8:48 AM
: 'pt@soci.au.dk'
Subject: Saturday Morning

Hello love,

Its the classic winter day for these parts: wet near-freezing air, dark thick clouds, bare tree limbs piercing the gloom. The houses all around appear abandoned, so shuttered are they against the misery outdoors. Instead, I put a small, arching oak branch in my back window and entwined tiny white lights around it, curved. Very cheerful and its like a magnet for us all, the sofa next to the window is a popular spot. I also planted narcissus bulbs in a variety of containers and they are ready to be brought out into friendly window spaces for blooming. The bulbs are varied - white, yellow, or fragrant - so I shall experiment with the effects of that display!

I am getting ready for denmark - shall I be a good dane in training?

I am looking forward to your arrival. I miss being near you, physically near you. I forget, or block out that aspect, but seeing you in the picture brought it to a conscious level. I like the physical pull when we are together - it adds something, would you agree? Apart from that, physical attraction is such a pleasant sensation all on its own - although I must be highly selective on a subconscious level because I rarely feel it. Thinking about it, the mix of intelligence and a pleasing physical look is my trigger and that's rare in my world.

What an odd train of thought....

Well, we need to talk about a number of work things, so please find time to call. Where are you!!

Gotta go to a basketball game. Have a good weekend.

Missing you very much,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 6:33 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: I am here!

Dear Diana,

Wonderful to hear from you. Thank you so much for the lovely present (I only got the letter this far, but I expect to pick it up tomorrow). I am both intrigued by the thought of fighting with a sword (I do not recall the right expression of this thin sword) and by your way of getting to that idea. I have never of myself as an elegant fighter more like a bull, but I know of my very fast reactions, when it is not put through the brain-filter (if it ever get through). Also, describing it in the context of us getting to our "understanding" – what a wonderful thing and I love thinking of us using these thin swords and this forth and back idea. Strong minds and wills – what a thrill! You may write something about it some day!

Well, this seems only to be the beginning, so I will get back to you later this week.

Take care my wonderful friend!

Love,
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]

Sendt: 19. november 2003 12:14

Til: Poul Thorsen

Emne: I am here!

Hello love,

I am awake, but just barely alive because of a headache and general jet lag. I just wanted to say hello, I miss you.

Kiss and hug,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2003 1:12 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: FW: I am in the office!
Attachments: Maybe_this_has_some_of_it.jpg

Dear Poul,

I am sure I will be here all afternoon, but should leave by 6:00/24:00 in order to be home for Sunday evening dinner. Tomorrow I will not be able to talk probably – out of the office in the morning for Chris' house closing and an afternoon meeting.

Yes, I see love in your picture – maybe different loves for different things. And maybe just a picture of the mood of love. I am sitting at my desk at the office and looking out of the huge window into green tree tops and blue sky with wispy white clouds. Hanging in the window is a lovely twisted and gnarled root I found this summer floating in the river by the cabin at Lake Lure – I brought it back and have hung from it, three blue-green glass balls I bought in Aarhus the Saturday before I left in June**. The balls are each different but shades of the same and remind me of the greens and blues of danmark land and sky, changing moods with the changing sunlight. If I could send you a picture of love, it would be a photograph of this window "sculpture" – capturing many loves.

(**that last morning that we planned to meet you for lunch and I was going to show you my new treasures – remember that disappointment and troubles you had?!))

I can't wait to hold you in my arms again.
D.

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

From: Poul Thorsen [mailto:PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2003 12:45 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: SV: I am in the office!

Dear Diana,

I hope you still are there and thinking. I will not make it to the office until later tonight and early tomorrow morning.

Well, I am better in creating pictures and expressing my feelings in pictures – here is what came to my mind, when I saw your e-mail. Maybe we will talk tonight or tomorrow.

4/21/2009

Hugs and kisses,
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]

Sendt: 5. oktober 2003 16:16

Til: Poul Thorsen

Emne: I am in the office!

Hi there! If you'd like to chat, give me a call.

Some exciting things I wanted to tell you about (perhaps I am too easily thrilled? ☺) - I am reading a great book on the development of English, and discovered some lovely things about Dane-English co-existence ☺ - even lovely quotes from a famous Danish linguist (Jespersen) – and it reminded me about a Danish author (writing about Jutland life in the 19th century) that I wanted to try and get in English

Times like this I feel so very much in love – and happy for the experience. Do you understand what I mean by that?

Hugs, D.

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 4:30 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: SV: Hot dog!

Dear Diana,

I have been trying to reach you on your mobile phone without any luck. Anyhow, whatever could work for you on a retreat, as you seem to have the heaviest obligations with your family.

I miss you too, and we need to connect soon! Hot dog means a warm sausage, doesn't it?

Kind regards
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----
Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 27. april 2003 16:20
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Hot dog!

Hello love,
I think I have a possible plan for a get away !!! State lodges in North GA, I can stage a "retreat" maybe. I am still thinking through the possibilities, but maybe...

I am home working in the garden now, maybe a little shopping late in the afternoon if you want to call my cell phone.

I miss you!!

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 10:01 PM

To: Schendel, Diana

Subject: Moon and late

Dear Diana,

I think that I wrote some nonsens – it should have been:

The moon is just in front of my window now – nearly round. The moon says: "Send me a kiss and I will forward it to D with love and sensual tender". So I did!

Tomorrow springs comes to Denmark! Sleep well my dear!

Love,
Poul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2003 5:34 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: wet Sunday afternoon

Dear Diana,

Thank you so very much for the nice letter – I love you and I love to read these small notes and descriptions of life and weather in Atlanta. I just finished the exam-questions for the students and proper answers too, and tomorrow will be a new teaching day. However, on my trip this late afternoon, there was this glooming reddish light over the sea and at the same moment a full moon rising – that made me think of you and times with you! Keep the spirit high – someone is thinking of you and someone is waiting for you You know the person very well!!!

Hugs and kisses across a red sea,
 Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 16. februar 2003 23:04
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: wet Sunday afternoon

Hello love,

I am just about ready to leave the office for home and wanted to get in touch with you. I have been here this afternoon working on a backlog of promised-work-that-I-never-got-done related to the autism centers c-c study. The extra benefit will be that all this increased familiarity with autism that I am slowly acquiring can be applied to our DNBC autism application!

But I don't want to talk about work. It's a real February sunday - tons of rain, low low clouds, bone-chilling wet (not freezing, but temp about 3-5 degrees), wisps of fog, blurry lights, fragrance of wood smoke from chimneys in the air, empty streets. I brought a candle from home and lit it here - watching the flame now and thenfunny thing its relaxing, but also provides a focus for my thoughts.

Actually, I don't have much to say, but it was worth it to sit here for a bit and think about you. I have enjoyed these past minutes with you. Hugs can fly, you know, with proper encouragement and without regard for time or weather. Well, here's one from me.... a bit musty from damp wool and wood smoke, but with a faint scent of perfume - like a memory.

We need to hold onto those memories over weeks and months, hold tight tight.

I love you,
 D.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2003 10:24 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Happy Birthday to you!

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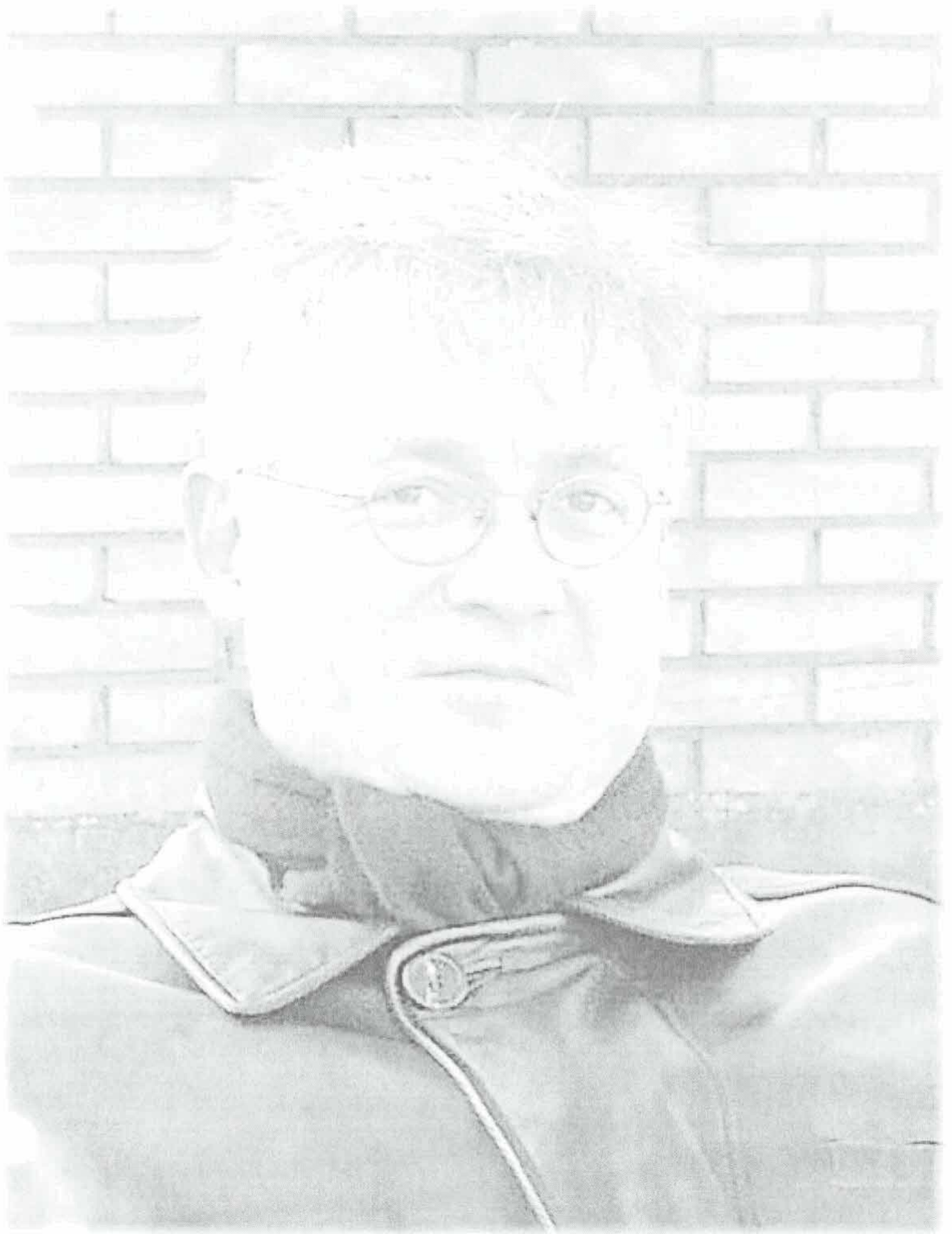
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Dearest Diana,

I am not perfect --- you will have to live with that. I was about to e-mail you yesterday and congratulate you - then my friend Jens called. He had just taken the trip from Yokohama in Japan to be with his dying father. That should not have distracted my thought of you, but it did for some time. Jens is staying with us for the moment.

However, here I am unshaved, but with good thoughts and full of trust and believe. With glimpse of the future and with hopes for many more of the very lovely moments with you, I wish you a happy birthday!

Love,
Poul



Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 9:45 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Dear Diana,

Thank you so much for all your notes and voice mails.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!!!

We have been busy all Christmas and finally on New Years Eve we had planned to relax and settle in for some good time with the kids. Well, at night Andreas got so drunk and had a major crush to his head that we had first pick him up driving in a not sober condition (Taxis were not available), and then to sit by him all night observing him for not having any crush to the brain (you might have a specific expression that I do not remember). However, luckily he is OK, but with major bruises especially in the face.

I am sorry that I did not get a chance to greet you - however, I will catch up with you this following week.

Now I am just trying to finish up for my trip Atlanta.

LOVE, HUGS and see you very soon!
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

From: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sent: 31. december 2002 03:55
To: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Coffee mug flashbacks

Hello love,

You have been at the front of my thoughts all the long day, but even so you burst like a rocket through my mind when I unexpectedly saw your coffee mug in my kitchen cabinet this evening.

One of the dark blue ones from the summer house. I had taken it with me, filled with strong coffee, when I left the house for my drive to Billund a few weeks ago. I debated whether I should take the liberty of taking the mug without asking, but I really needed the caffeine to keep me alert on the drive. I was very tired and sleepy and all-night diners serving coffee to drowsy drivers don't seem to be part of the highway scene in Denmark. In the end, I decided you wouldn't mind.

What a blast to my imagination and memory. Scene after scene, of me, of you, of us both, in the summerhouse flying through my mind in an instant.

Transported. By a small blue cup.

Incredible too. I felt better after the moment passed. Better than I had felt all day.

Can you feel the intensity of my feelings for you? Am I a fool? Are we both fools?

I wish I could return the cup this instant, and talk with you. Talk and talk. Fill an emptiness with chat.

Love and hugs, filled to the top by a small blue cup, D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 11:02 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Dear Diana,

I am so sorry for having hurt you - that has not been by intention at any time and you are right - I should have left you a note or called. I will make it up to you, when I come! I promise!

8th, 9th, 10th - whatever fit your world!

The NAAR proposal is getting there and you will get a copy tomorrow!

I will have a rental car, so I do not need to be picked up, but I surely would be happy to take you for a ride from the airport to Champlée or to The corner bakery for a cup of coffee!

Looking forward to seeing you and also I have a lot glasses for you! Do you want me to bring it all at once, or how many do you need now!

Love,
Poul

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----

From: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcsh6@cdc.gov]
Sent: 2. januar 2003 16:47
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: Re: SV: Coffee mug Flashbacks

Hi Poul,

I am very sorry to hear of Andreas' accident and injury. It must have been an awful experience for you and Lisbet, but a relief to have no lasting harm. Well, I suppose he still feels pretty bad - between the hangover AND crash! Poor kid.

What ARE your plans for your trip here? If you are still planning some time for the two of us, I need to make arrangements too. What about Monday?

I am also sorry you didn't send any greeting, or word, anytime. It really hurts. Just a simple hello.

I am working at home today and tomorrow because Mom is away and kids still out of school. Is the NAAR proposal in good shape?

I am anxious to see you too, hurt and anticipation all mixed together.
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)
Sent: 31 Aug 2018 10:40:18 -0400
To: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Cc: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP); 'William Thompson'
Subject: RE: Follow up --- I am not really concerned too much as long as you reply in a timely fashion.

Thank you Anne. I look forward to your return. I have already contacted (b)(6) and I will be sure to take care of myself. I am not really too concerned as long as you reply in a timely fashion.

I am more concerned for the CDC and how this might impact the vaccine program and vaccine coverage.

When do you think we can have a discussion given you are replying to my e-mails?

BT

From: Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD)
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP) <wct2@cdc.gov>
Subject: Follow up

Dear Dr. Thompson,

I am away from the office, with intermittent access, until next week.

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Thank you,
Anne

From: Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)
Sent: 2 Sep 2018 15:38:35 +0000
To: Destefano, Frank (CDC/OID/NCEZID)
Cc: Boyle, Coleen (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD);Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD/OCS);Cono, Joanne (CDC/OD/OADS);Ghosh, Sudevi (CDC/OCOO/OGC);Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP);'William Thompson'
Subject: Your dishonest behavior --- trying to portray us as "friends"

Frank,

The CDC gave you the opportunity to interview with CNN but they wouldn't give me that same opportunity.

You are a pathetic liar. If your friends did what you did to me, I feel very very sorry for you and them.

Bill

<https://sharylattkisson.com/2014/08/29/audio-cdc-addresses-allegations-on-vaccine-autism-link-omission/>

DeStefano: Uh, uh, yeah, I mean I've continued to see, uh, uh, see him for over the past ten years and we've interacted fairly frequently, and, uh, uh, no I wasn't aware of this.

Attkisson: So whoever he raised his concerns to, he didn't, he didn't raise it to you or anybody you knew of?

DeStefano: No, I mean the last time I saw him was probably about two months ago, and he didn't mention anything about this.

Attkisson: And at the time he didn't seem concerned when you said there was a consensus?

DeStefano: No, yeah, I mean at the time he did these analyses he did, you know, he did point out that in one group, you know in that larger group the the the measures of association [between MMR vaccine and autism] were higher than in the, uh, birth certificate group and, you know, we discussed that and for the reasons I mentioned, uh, we came to consensus that the, uh, birth certificate uh results were more valid.