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September 4, 2018

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Via email: aaron@sirillp.com

Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is regarding to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 16, 2018, assigned #18-01002-FOIA, for

1. any and all emails or communications (including letters) regarding or relating to placing Dr. Stanley Plotkin's name on the gavel used at the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ("ACIP")

2. any and all emails or communications (including letters) sent to Dr. Stanley Plotkin or received from Dr. Stanley Plotkin by the CDC regarding or relating to placing his name on the gavel at ACIP..

In your email dated August 24, 2018, you narrowed your scope to communications from 2016-2017.

We located 9 pages of responsive records. After a careful review of these pages, some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 Exemption(s)(b)(6).

EXEMPTION 6

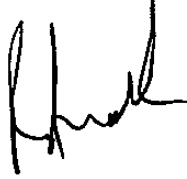
Exemption 6 protects information in personnel and medical files and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, such as personal cell phone numbers and personal email addresses, and we have determined that the individual/s 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.

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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 December 3, 2018.

Sincerely,

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

Roger Andoh
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Enclosures

18-01002-FOIA

From: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Sent: 18 Oct 2017 10:55:43 +0000
To: (b)(6)
Subject: ACIP

Hi Susan,

I do not know if you have heard, but we are planning a surprise presentation to Stan during the morning opening session of ACIP, to express our gratitude for all he has contributed over the years to the discussions. I was wondering if you have any pictures of Stan either at ACIP meetings, or any other ones which would be good to use in a few slides to talk about him? Please keep this secret!

Best,

Amanda

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: 24 Oct 2017 14:44:41 +0000
To: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD); Nancy M. Bennett
Subject: comments for Dr. Plotkin
Attachments: Document2 wo (1).docx

Amanda and Nana,
Attached is a draft of the comments I propose to deliver for the gavel presentation for Dr. Plotkin. Any edits or suggestions would be appreciated.
Larry

Tribute to Stanley Plotkin, MD

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize our good friend and colleague, Dr. Stanley Plotkin. Dr. Plotkin has attended ACIP meetings for as long as many of us can remember and has been a constant source of knowledge and information. After many years, Dr. Plotkin has announced that this will be the last ACIP meeting that he will attend.

All of us have been influenced by Dr. Plotkin. Every time Stan approaches the microphone at an ACIP meeting to offer a comment, we know that we are about to learn something, not only from his comments but also from his sage observations. Honors and achievements of Dr. Plotkin are numerous, so I will only mention a few:

Pivotal trials on anthrax, oral polio and rabies vaccines; inventor of the RA27/3 strain of rubella vaccine, co-inventor of the pentavalent rotavirus vaccine.

Founding father of PIDS

Member of the Institute of Medicine and the French Academy of Medicine as well as many awards from numerous medical societies.

Developed the standard textbook for vaccines in 1988, now in its 7th edition and appropriately named "Plotkin's Vaccines".

Many of us were fortunate to have worked closely with Dr. Plotkin during his 8-year tenure on the AAP's COID and when he served as Red Book associate editor for two editions. As a tribute, the 2015 edition of the Red Book is dedicated to Dr. Plotkin.

So, to ensure that Dr. Plotkin in the future will always be part of ACIP meetings, we present to ACIP the engraved Stanley A. Plotkin ACIP gavel.

So, beginning today, Dr. Bennet can ring the Sam Katz bell to notify everyone to be seated and then use the Stanley Plotkin gavel to officially begin the meeting.

Stan, at ACIP you will never be forgotten..

From: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Sent: 12 Oct 2017 18:35:15 +0000
To: Bennett, Nancy M.
Subject: FW: ACIP

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

From: Larry Pickering [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <anc0@cdc.gov>
Subject: ACIP

Amanda,

The IDSA meeting here in San Diego has been outstanding. You need to attend next year. If you are interested, we will try to get you on the program.

With regard to the ACIP meeting, the gavel should be here this weekend. I am meeting with Walt next week to discuss Dr. Plotkin. I will contact you to review logistics you have planned for recognizing Dr. Plotkin. I have a few ideas. Speak with you next week.

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Sent: 24 Oct 2017 15:02:19 +0000
To: (b)(6) Nancy M. Bennett
Subject: RE: comments for Dr. Plotkin

Larry- These look great! I am doing a little clip art with the gavel so that the audience can see it. Can you send me exactly what is engraved and I will add it to the cartoon picture?

See you tomorrow!
Amanda

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <anc0@cdc.gov>; Nancy M. Bennett <nancy_bennett@urmc.rochester.edu>
Subject: comments for Dr. Plotkin

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Attached is a draft of the comments I propose to deliver for the gavel presentation for Dr. Plotkin. Any edits or suggestions would be appreciated.
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From: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Sent: 20 Oct 2017 18:17:46 +0000
To: Smith, Jean Clare (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Cc: Seward, Jane (CDC/OID/NCIRD) (CTR)
Subject: RE: Stan Plotkin

Yes! It is going to be in the opening session on Wed.

Amanda

From: Smith, Jean Clare (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <anc0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Seward, Jane (CDC/OID/NCIRD) (CTR) <jfs2@cdc.gov>
Subject: Stan Plotkin

Amanda

I saw Jane Seward yesterday at We Were There public health rounds.... She asked about date/timing of tribute to Stan Plotkin. Can you let her (and me) know?

Thx

Jean

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From: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Sent: 23 Oct 2017 17:51:56 +0000
To: Offit, Paul
Subject: RE: Stan's presentation

Thanks! Do you think Susan would prefer we do it in the morning on Thursday so she could be there? The only problem with that is he may announce it before he is surprised.....

From: Offit, Paul [mailto:OFFIT@email.chop.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <anc0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Stan's presentation

Hi Amanda,

I talked to Susan Plotkin this afternoon. Stan should be at the ACIP meeting first thing Wednesday morning. Susan won't be flying in until later on Wednesday, but I explained to her how she could watch the event online.

Stan has no idea what is about to happen. He had planned to announce to the ACIP that this would be his last meeting, assuming that no one knew. Which makes this all the more fun.

Thanks again for putting this together.

See you in a couple of days.

Paul

From: Cohn, Amanda (CDC/OID/NCIRD) <anc0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 8:56 AM
To: (b)(6) Offit, Paul; Bennett, Nancy M.
Cc: MacNeil, Jessica R. (CDC/OID/NCIRD); Messonnier, Nancy (CDC/OID/NCIRD)
Subject: Stan's presentation

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1. The presentation will be at the end of the administrative announcements on Wed morning. Paul, can you make sure Stan is there by that time, or let Jessica or I know if he is not there?

2. At the end of the administrative announcements, there will be a title slide that says "Special Presentation- Dr. Larry Pickering". Nana, I will bring you these slides tomorrow, but if you could please welcome Larry, he is going to come up to the podium at that point.
3. Larry has one fabulous slide that he will use to thank Stan for his contributions to ACIP over the years, and then he will present the "Stan Plotkin Gavel". Jessica or I will go and get the gavel from Larry at that point and bring it to Nana. Nana, if you could ask that Stan come to the front and start the meeting by banging the gavel, and while he is coming you can say anything additional you would like.
4. Paul, I tried to reach out to Susan with the email you sent, but it was returned. Do you think you could email her and let her know that the surprise will be taking place and she is able to watch it live stream at:

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[ACIP Webcast Instructions | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)

www.cdc.gov

Webcast instructions for ACIP meetings. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Let me know if you have any suggestions. Thanks so much Larry and Paul for helping with this!

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