

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 3-17-1014

Food and Drug Administration
Division of Freedom of Information
Office of the Executive Secretariat, OC
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ELEM-1029
Rockville, MD 20857



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The Food and Drug Administration has pirated our copyrighted research, patent and trade secrets to plagiarize and duplicate our suite of computer driven software tools designed to enhance food safety and food defense.

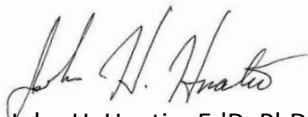
Representatives of ThoughtQuest LLC, FoodQuestTQ LLC and MRI Global met with representatives of the FDA on several occasions and provided them with proprietary briefings that contained FoodQuestTQ LLC “business confidential” information within the meaning of Title 18 U.S.C. This same information appears in the FoodQuestTQ computer software tools that were duplicated by the Food and Drug Administration. At the beginning of each briefing FDA participants were advised that the information being shared with them was “business confidential” pursuant to Title 18, U.S.C. All materials shared with the Food Defense Team were clearly marked as containing proprietary industry information.

Please provide copies of the official security sign-in sheets for the following individuals who visited the FDA Center for Food Safety and Nutrition (CIFSAN) located at 5100 Paint Branch Parkway College Park, MD 20740: 1) Dr. John Hnatio; 2) Dr. Bart Michelson; 3) Mr. David Park, and 4) Mr. William Wright between the period 01/01/2006 to 12/01/2013. Please include the date, time and persons visited as part of the record.

We request expedited processing since the results of this request may indicate the existence of gross fraud waste and abuse in the Food and Drug Administration and within the Department of Health and Human Services. The existence of gross fraud waste and abuse involving employees responsible for the safety and security of the U.S. food supply represents a real and imminent threat to the safety of the U.S. public.

We also request that fees for providing the above information be waived based on the requestor’s status as a free-lance journalist who intends to broadly publish the results of this Freedom of Information Act request.

Sincerely,



John H. Hnatio, EdD, PhD
Chief Science Officer

cc: Dan Levinson, OIG-HHS