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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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REFERENCE: Freedom of Information Act Request Confirmation Number FDA1408702

Dear Mr. Hall:

Our goal in filing this appeal is for the government to directly access the specifically named FDA employees' official government e-mail accounts in order to determine what derogatory information concerning FoodQuestTQ that they may have communicated to other employees in the FDA, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), other government agencies and the food industry.

This request is for all documents, e-mails or other communications by FDA/HHS employees 1) Jason Bashura; 2) Jody Menikheim; 3) Marion Allen; 4) Colin Barthel, and; 5) Dale Berkeley that relate in any way to the matter of FoodQuestTQ.

We are seeking any documents, e-mails and associated e-mail strings relating in any way to FoodQuestTQ that mention the terms "John Hnatio", "ThoughtQuest", "FoodQuestTQ" and/or "FoodQuest".

In responding to this request we ask that the FDA and HHS directly access the official government e-mail accounts of the four above named employees as part of the FDA/HHS search for records that are responsive to this request. We are particularly interested in those documents, e-mails and attachments and resulting e-mail strings that each individual may have sent to others or received from others within FDA or HHS, other government agencies and any private sector companies or entities.

The responsive documents to our request are easily accessed via the FDA computer server and the e-mail archives of the specifically named employees at their official FDA government e-mail accounts of: 1) marion.allen@fda.hhs.gov ; 2) jason.bashura@fda.hhs.gov ; 3) Jody.Menikheim@fda.hhs.gov ; 4) Colin.Barthel@fda.hhs.gov and 5) Dale.Berkley@nih.hhs.gov .

We will be filing additional requests for FDA electronic e-mail records and other information based on the review of the information resulting from this Freedom of Information Act request in the future.

Thank-you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H. Hnatio', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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Chief Science Officer

cc:

Marion Allen, FDA Staff
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Dale Berkley, HHS-OGC
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