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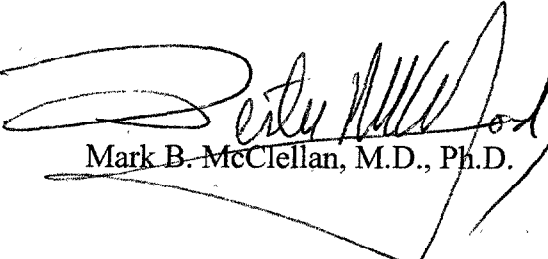
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• TO: Docket Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration

FROM: Commissioner of Food and Drugs (HF-1)

SUBJECT: Docket No. 2003N-0338: Authorization to allow the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to send details of a Notice of Public Meeting on Obesity to interested persons prior to publication of the Notice in the *Federal Register*

Pursuant to 21 CFR 10.80(b)(1), I give permission to FDA officials to send details of a Notice of Public Meeting on Obesity to be held on Thursday, October 23, 2003, to interested persons outside the Executive Branch, prior to publication of the Notice in the Federal Register. More specifically, these interested persons include members of the press, health claims stakeholders, individuals involved in food safety, participants at the Secretary's roundtable, and members of various organizations. I also give permission to FDA officials to post the details of the Notice on a page of the FDA web site prior to publication of the Notice in the Federal Register.



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