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January 22, 2001

Mr. Joseph Levitt
Director, Center for Food Safety
and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20204

Dear Mr. Levitt:

I am requesting a meeting with you to discuss the FDA's revised advisory on methylmercury in fish. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how FDA analyzed the data and arrived at its new advice. Of particular interest is the analysis you undertook to conclude that persons wishing to protect their unborn children should not eat certain types of fish. An explanation of why young children and nursing mothers are included in the advice is also requested. As you know, I previously wrote you suggesting that FDA await new data from the Seychelles Island study before issuing new guidance. I am interested in knowing why you choose to act now without designating the guidance as "interim."

For your information, we have submitted a separate FOIA letter requesting all documents related to your recent advisory.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Gutting, Jr.
President

Nordenberg, Tamar

From: Carson, Louis J
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2001 3:56 PM
To: Nordenberg, Tamar; Davidson, Marjorie L; Bolger, Philip M; Spiller, Philip C; Lake, Lloyd R; Buchanan, Robert L
Subject: FW: Request For Meeting

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From: Levitt, Joseph A
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2001 3:54 PM
To: Carson, Louis J
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From: Bob Collette [mailto:bcollette@nfi.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2001 2:53 PM
To: Levitt, Joseph A
Cc: Spiller, Philip C; Dick; bob
Subject: Request For Meeting

Dear Mr. Levitt:

NFI requests a meeting to discuss the FDA advisory on methylmercury. An electronic copy of Richard Gutting's letter requesting the meeting is attached (the original is in the mail). Thank you for your attention to this request.

Regards,
Robert Collette