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The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Since I wrote you yesterday about the list of more than 150 targeted scientists, the Traditional Values Coalition has apparently claimed responsibility for sending this list to members of Congress. In an interview with the Associated Press, a spokesperson explained that the group targets research because of the HIV/AIDS "scam and sham." Notwithstanding the Coalition's statement, it remains important for HHS to clarify any role it had in the creation of this list.

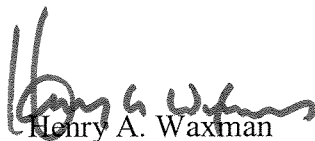
Additionally, since sending the letter, I learned that some financial data about NIH grants is publicly accessible on the web site. However, the information at this location does not match what is on the list.

I therefore continue to request that you investigate whether anyone at HHS played any role in the creation of this list. I also request:

1. A list of dates and times of all meetings and phone calls between HHS officials and employees of the Traditional Values Coalition, as well as a list of topics discussed and the information exchanged, since January 2001.
2. Copies of all correspondence, e-mails, faxes, computer files, and any other information exchanged between HHS officials and the Traditional Values Coalition since January 2001.

I request a response to this letter by November 8, 2003.

Sincerely,



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