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Dr. Helene Hill  
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RE: DIO 2001-28

Dear Dr. Hill:

The Division of Investigative Oversight (DIO), Office of Research Integrity (ORI), received late last week your letter dated August 22, 2002. Since Dr. Kay Fields told me that she encouraged you, when you called her last month, to submit any new allegations or evidence directly to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the institution responsible for investigating the referenced case, I assume you have done so.

I also assume that Dr. Fields told you to contact me, since she had removed herself from the case. When you called me on August 14, 2002, I told you that I thought Mr. Chris Pascal would be making the decision for ORI in the next couple of weeks, and he did so, before your recent letter arrived. The closeout letters have been mailed, so you should be receiving one from him soon.

Dr. Fields may have discussed with you that she had already done a similar analysis as part of her earlier oversight review in this case, and it was considered by DIO and ORI in the discussions of how to handle this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Price, Ph.D.  
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