

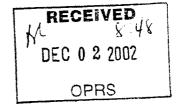
MEMORANDUM

Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Immunology and Disease (CIRID)

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Dear Mr. Peckman.

You and your associates may have read the November 22, 2002 edition of the Daily Bruin, with a repetition of allegations from the "Bob Smith" letter.

I have reviewed my responses of October 17 and 24 to your letter of October 8, 2002 to determine the clarity of my earlier responses to your specific questions and whether relevant issues were addressed.

The fact is that Dr. Xiao Ping Chen and The Municipal Health and Anti-Epidemic Station in Guangzhou had two separate relationships—one with Henry Heimlich and the Heimlich Institute, and one with John L. Fahey and UCLA. The association of Dr. X.P. Chen with Dr. Henry Heimlich began early in the 1990's and focused on clinical studies of malarial therapy.

The second and separate relationship that Dr. X.P. Chen and The Municipal Health and Anti-Epidemic Station in Guangzhou had was with Dr. John L. Fahey and UCLA. This was a direct relationship. It was never conducted through or with Dr. Heimlich. The Fahey/UCLA-Chen/Guangzhou project was for education, training and capacity building for AIDS research at Guangzhou under the Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP). It was initiated in 1997 and completed in 1999. It did not involve the conduct of any clinical trial. It was not for malarial therapy. We knew of Dr. Chen's interest in various therapies for HIV infection, but we made it clear to him that we would not be (and were not) involved in the conduct of malarial or other specific research. In this context, he understood that we would not be listed as an author. Dr. X.P. Chen wrote the quoted acknowledgements without input or review by us. We presume he appreciated the financial support for his travel to Los Angeles and living expenses while here in the AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP).

Dr. Heimlich apparently did not make the distinction between the UCLA training of the Chinese investigators and the conduct of research projects which he initiated with Dr. X.P. Chen. Dr. Heimlich was not involved in the UCLA-Guangzhou relationship. Of course, I did not know

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what Dr. Heimlich was writing or saying until after October 2, 2002, and was not aware that he was including us and UCLA in his view of the malarial research project. Consequently, we have acted with UCLA authorities to have reference to UCLA omitted from the Heimlich Institute materials. See two attached letters of November 5 and 7, 2002.

I hope this effort to provide additional information is appropriate to the IRB review procedures.

Sincerely,

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