

March 9, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable Thomas Bliley
United States House of Representatives
Chairman, Committee on Commerce
Room 2125
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

Re: Anatomic Gift Foundation

Dear Representative Bliley:

As you know, the Anatomic Gift Foundation (AGF) has voluntarily complied with your requests and fully cooperated with your investigation. AGF has promptly provided you with all of the information you have requested and has even allowed your staff to tour AGF's offices and interview AGF's founder and executive director.

We were shocked by the information 20/20 presented last night on Dr. Miles Jones. We are concerned because we understand that Dr. Jones will likely not be attending the hearing today. He will therefore not be able to answer the serious charges of possible unlawful activity that the 20/20 investigation uncovered. We are, of course, unable to answer any questions related to Dr. Jones and Opening Lines, Inc.

Although AGF will continue to cooperate with your investigation, we will not be present at the hearing today. When we spoke with your assistant, Mr. Brent Del Monte, on several different occasions, he assured us that the invitation to AGF's acting president, Mr. James Bardsley, was just that – an invitation. Mr. Del Monte recognized that while Mr. Bardsley was welcome to attend the hearing, he was not subpoenaed and could decline the invitation if he chose. We told him that Mr. Bardsley's inclination at that time was to attend, and if that decision changed, we would inform you.

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As promised, we are now advising you that Mr. Bardsley has elected not to attend the hearing. We believe that his appearance at the hearing is inadvisable for the following reasons: (1) AGF and its researchers have received serious threats (including the attached letter from the Army of God); (2) Dr. Jones is not likely to appear, and thus no one will be present to address the serious charges raised against him; (3) the National Institutes of Health will not appear; and (4) as a result, the only witnesses who will appear are a disgruntled former AGF employee who is a paid spy of an anti-abortion group, as well as his partner in a business that competes with AGF.

If you have any questions or would like further information from AGF, please call me or Joyce Pollack. You can also call Fay Clayton, who will return to the country on March 13.

Respectfully,

Robert S. Michaels

Enclosure