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Dear Mr. Dalition,

I have had an opportunity to review the materials you sent me regarding the death of Linda Adanalian, and the possible relation to selenium poisoning. Although you sent me a significant amount of material, my conclusion is primarily based on my review of the following articles:

1. Autopsy report dated 2/12/00
2. Emergency room records from Community Medical Centers dated 2/11/00
3. Cardiac pathology reports from Mayo Clinic, Stanford and AFIP
4. Initial lab results
5. Initial selenium results
6. Confirmatory tests performed by Mayo Clinic and NMS
7. Baylor results of kidney specimens test and Expertox results
8. May Clinic's cause of death report
9. Published case reports you provided

Based on my review, I conclude that selenium poisoning should be added to the list of potential etiologies for the cause of death in this case. This conclusion is based on:

1. The fact that the levels of selenium found in the deceased's exhumed organs were above those noted on autopsy of published cases of known selenium poisoning.
2. There was no other obvious etiology of death found at the initial autopsy.
3. The clinical course of the victim was similar in many ways to that of previously reported victims of fatal selenium poisoning, including rapid onset of symptoms, nausea and vomiting, cardiac dysrhythmias, and intractable hypotension unresponsive to vasopressor agents.

Sincerely,

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