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Eric Pfeifer, MD
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Dear Dr Pfeifer:

I would like to thank you for providing me with the results of the second set of post mortem tissue levels of selenium from Mrs. Linda Adanalian. After reviewing the results of these tissue samples, including those from the Mayo Clinic (June 2000 and February 2001), the National Medical Services Laboratory and Baylor Toxicology Services, it remains my opinion that Mrs. Adanalian died as the result of acute toxicity from selenium.

I add this addendum to my letter to you of January 11, 2001. The tissue levels remain, even one year after her death, significantly elevated and in the range of those of the reported selenium fatalities. (Schellmann, et al, Matoba, et al). The addition of tissue levels from the lung, spleen, muscle and brain, all showing levels 5 to 7 times above the normal value supports the conclusion based on the initial liver and kidney samples. Additionally, the independent confirmation by three separate laboratories (Mayo, NMSL and Baylor) of these elevated levels provides a level of certainty of the validity of these results.

In conclusion, I agree with and support your opinion that selenium played a major, if not exclusive role, in the death of Linda Adanalian.

Sincerely



Henry Spiller



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