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FROM:

SUBJECT: Stanford's Review of 20 Publications

DATE: June 20, 2002

Dear Drs. Nezhat:

As you are aware, Stanford University has been reviewing the 20 additional publications authored or co-authored by one or more of you concerning which certain allegation have been made. Enclosed is a copy of the Stanford committee's draft report on that review. **We would appreciate receiving any written comments you might wish to offer by July 10, 2002.**

The 6/19/02 draft report has received minor redaction to remove two of the exhibits (D.1 and D.2) have also been redacted for this reason.

If you have any questions or need further information, please give me a call. Once again, we have appreciated your cooperation in this review process.

Enclosures: Appendix D (with exhibits)

APPENDIX C: The 1996 Article

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I. Allegations received

One of the charges to the AHARC (Appendices A.1 and A.2) is specifically to evaluate the allegations received concerning an article (Appendix C.1) published in 1996 by a number of authors, including the Drs. Nezhat, that is claimed to contain misleading or inaccurate data.

The article in question is titled "*Operative Laparoscopy in the Management of Ovarian Cancer*" (Surgical Laparoscopy & Endoscopy, Vol. 6, No. 1, pp 38-45; 1996) by Drs. D. Paul Amara, Camran Nezhat, Nelson N.H. Teng, Farr Nezhat, Ceana Nezhat, and Maurizio Rosati. Dr. Amara, the first author, was a resident in Stanford's Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Dr. Teng is a gynecologic oncology surgeon, Dr. Amara's supervisor, and an Associate Professor (Tenure Line) in the same department; Dr. Camran Nezhat performed the laparoscopic surgery with Dr. Teng; Drs. Farr and Ceana Nezhat contributed to the article; Dr. Rosati prepared the illustrations.

One final note should be added. The paper here appears to have been written by a resident (Dr. Amara) as the principal author, with primary editorial review by his faculty supervisor (Dr. Teng). In the field of scholarly publications, however, each author -- and thus the Drs. Nezhat as well -- shares responsibility for the accuracy and integrity of the finished product.

CONCLUSION:

To summarize, as to the 20 additional articles concerning which allegations have been raised, the AHARC in its inquiry has concluded: that although it has found a few relatively minor inaccuracies, it has found no evidence that the allegations of fabrication or falsification have substance;

The committee therefore affirms its recommendation made in its December 5, 2001 letter to you that no further review into these 20 articles be undertaken beyond what had at that time been initiated and has now been completed. Moreover, given the unsupported and ultimately unfounded nature of the majority of the allegations made to date in regard to these 20 papers, the AHARC recommends that the School of Medicine consider carefully the source of any future allegations against the Nezhats -- and the track record of those making any such new allegations -- as one factor in determining whether and/or how to review such matters in the future.