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Dear David:

It was very good to hear your presentation at this morning's session of the National Conference on Mental Health Statistics. In connection with your expanded standby list of trauma experts, including experts to call upon in regard to *non-natural* disasters, let me offer you two names. The premier independent experts on cults and how the psychological and social influence effects in cults (and other high-control, intense-commitment groups) work are:

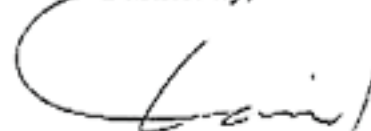
Louis Jolyon West, Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, 405 Hilgard, Los Angeles, California 90024 -- 310-825-0085 [studied thought reform programs since Korean War and their appearance in modern cults; has worked with many ex-members; he addressed cult issues at the American Psychiatric Association's 1992 meeting]

Margaret T. Singer, Emeritus Adjunct Professor, University of California Berkeley -- 510-848-1855 [has counseled thousands of ex-members over last 24 years, more than any other person in the world]
Address: 17 El Camino Real, Berkeley, California 94705

These preeminent leaders among professionals in the field of destructive cult concern are also expert in a number of other areas. I enclose a c.v. of each for your files.

The American Family Foundation (AFF) and the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) could provide names of a number of additional highly qualified and responsible professionals and lay experts who could assist in cases of cult-related trauma, should that be desired. For your background information, the AFF and CAN are dedicated to improved public understanding of destructive cult phenomena and assistance to the victims. AFF and CAN strongly support the constitutional freedoms of speech, religion, association and assembly. Neither AFF nor CAN condones kidnapping or other illegal actions. Please let me know if we may provide further information.

Faithfully,



David J. Bardin

Enclosures

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Honorable Don Edwards
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Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

It was good to meet with you and Jim Dempsey on May 24, 1993, in order to discuss the civil liberties issues involving victims of totalist groups, sometimes called destructive cults, and the potential for strengthening the understanding and programs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation applicable to law violations by such groups.

The American Family Foundation (AFF) and the Cult Awareness Network (CAN), which I represent, are committed to strengthening public and professional understanding of the issues, assisting cult victims and their families, and encouraging research as to methods used by such destructive groups and their effects on people. Neither organization countenances kidnapping or promoting other law violations (of which they have been falsely accused). Both organizations are deeply committed to freedoms of religion, speech, association and assembly. Both organizations are concerned about illegal or unethical practices; neither judges doctrine or belief.

In connection with the subcommittee's study of the Waco experience, we recommend that you contact two of the preeminent experts in the field:

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17 El Camino Real
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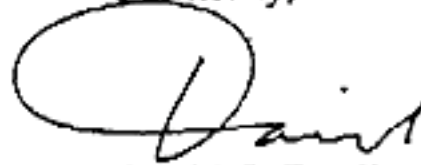
Margaret Singer, Emeritus Adjunct Professor, University of California Berkeley has counseled thousands of ex-members over the last 24 years, more than any other person in the world. Louis Jolyon West, Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute has studied thought reform programs since Korean War and their appearance in modern cults; has worked with many ex-members; he addressed cult issues at the American Psychiatric Association's 1992 meeting.

Enclosed, for your information is a copy of the statement by AFF President Rosedale and Executive Director Langone entitled, "How Many Jonestowns Will It Take " which the AFF issued on April 20, 1993.

Please let us know if you would like further information.

We appreciate your unwavering dedication to protecting the Constitutional rights of all Americans and look forward to working with you on vital issues of human rights posed by illegal activities of destructive cults. *Best personal wishes.*

Faithfully,



David J. Bardin

Enclosure

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Honorable Ronald K. Noble
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We understand that the Department of the Treasury, in its review of the Waco, Texas incidents, is interested in developing expert contacts for future reference should it again encounter a group under a leadership control such as Koresh's. The American Family Foundation (AFF) and the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) believe that there are a number of highly qualified and responsible professionals and lay experts who could assist the Department. AFF and CAN are dedicated to improved public understanding of destructive cult phenomena and assistance to the victims of such cult leaders. AFF and CAN strongly support the constitutional freedoms of speech, religion, association and assembly. Neither AFF nor CAN condones kidnapping or other illegal actions.

As AFF's and CAN's Washington counsel, let me submit several names for your consideration in some of the pertinent categories.

The three premier independent experts on cults and thought reform and how the psychological and social influence effects in cults (and other high-control, intense-commitment groups) work are:

Robert J. Lifton, M.D., John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, New York City -- 212-237-8433 [regarded as premier scholar on thought reform]

Louis Jolyon West, Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute -- 310-825-0085 [studied thought reform programs since Korean War and their appearance in modern cults; has worked with many ex-members; he addressed cult issues at the American Psychiatric Association's 1992 meeting]

Margaret T. Singer, Emeritus Adjunct Professor, University of California Berkeley -- 510-848-1855 [has counseled thousands of ex-members over last 24 years, more than any other person in the world]

These three are the preeminent leaders among professionals in the field. If, for any reason, you prefer to select less distinguished or less experienced advisers, or want additional viewpoints, we could suggest more, responsible professionals.

You may also want to seek advice and assistance in other related areas. Some of the names you might do well to consider include:

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