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Subject: The foundation for genetically engineered foods in the U.S. is a lie!

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The FDA ruled GMOs are "substantial equivalent" to conventional crops and fast tracked them into our food supply without safety testing.

GMO crops are radically different from anything we have seen in the history of food and should have been tested extensively before being allowed on the market and labeled. In every cell of GMO crops are bacterias never before seen in food, viruses, genetic constructs and antibiotic resistant markers.

Someone should investigate Michael Taylor, his role at the FDA and Monsanto, and the revolving door in Washington and lobbyists.

When he wasn't working for Monsanto, Michael Taylor worked within government to:

* Eliminate safety testing for genetically modified foods by suppressing evidence of their health risks and making a blanket decision to adopt industry's position that genetically modified foods are "substantially equivalent" to conventional foods.

* Force unlabeled dairy products produced with untested genetically modified bovine growth hormone on unsuspecting consumers.

The FDA ruled early on that genetically engineered crops are substantially equivalent to conventional crops and extensive safety testing would not be required. This decision was made against the warnings from their own scientists!

FDA Scientists Discuss Various Safety Concerns

- 1. Comments from Dr. Linda Kahl, FDA compliance officer, to Dr. James Maryanski, FDA Biotechnology Coordinator, about the Federal Register document "Statement of Policy: Foods from Genetically Modified Plants." Dated January 8, 1992. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**
- 2. Memorandum from Dr. Edwin J. Mathews to the Toxicology Section of the Biotechnology Working Group. Subject: "Analysis of the Major Plant Toxicants." Dated October 28, 1991. (2 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

3. **Memorandum from Dr. Samuel I. Shibko to Dr. James Maryanski, FDA Biotechnology Coordinator. Subject: "Revision of Toxicology Section of the *Statement of Policy: Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Plants.*" Dated January 31, 1992. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

4. **Comments from Dr. Louis J. Pribyl re: the "Biotechnology Draft Document, 2/27/92." Dated March 6, 1992. (5 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

5. **Comments from Dr. Louis J. Pribyl re: "... the March 18, 1992 Version of the Biotechnology Document." Dated March 18, 1992. (1 page) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

6. **Comments from Division of Food Chemistry and Technology and Division of Contaminants Chemistry. Subject: "Points to Consider for Safety Evaluation of Genetically Modified Foods. Supplemental Information." Dated November 1, 1991. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

7. **Memorandum from Dr. Mitchell Smith, Head, Biological and Organic Chemistry Section, to Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator. Subject: "Comments on Draft Federal Register Notice on Food Biotechnology, Dec. 12, 1991 draft." Dated January 8, 1992. (2 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

8. **Letter from Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, to Dr. Bill Murray, Chairman of the Food Directorate, Canada. Subject: the safety assessment of foods and food ingredients developed through new biotechnology. Dated October 23, 1991. (2 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

9. **Comments from Dr. Carl B. Johnson on the "draft statement of policy 12/12/91." Dated January 8, 1992. (2 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

10. **Memorandum from Dr. Gerald B. Guest, Director of the Center for Veterinary Medicine, to Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator. Subject: "Regulation of Transgenic Plants--FDA**

Draft Federal Register Notice on Food Biotechnology." Dated February 5, 1992. (4 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)

B. Specific Objections to Use of Antibiotic-Resistant Marker Genes

11. **Memorandum from Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, to Dr. Murray Lumpkin. Subject: "Use of Kanamycin Resistance Marker Gene in Tomatoes." (1 page) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

12. **Memorandum from Dr. Murray Lumpkin to Dr. Bruce Burlington. Subject: "The tomatoes that will eat Akron." Dated December 17, 1992. (7 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

13. **Memorandum from Dr. Albert Sheldon to Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator. Subject: "Use of Kanamycin Resistance Markers in Tomatoes." Dated March 30, 1993. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

C. Safety Questions Raised by Tests on the Flavr Savr Tomato--the Most Thoroughly Tested Bioengineered Food

14. **Memorandum from Dr. Fred Hines to Dr. Linda Kahl. Subject: "FLAVR SAVR Tomato:" ... "Pathology Branch's Evaluation of Rats with Stomach Lesions From Three Four-Week Oral (Gavage) Toxicity Studies" ... "and an Expert Panel's Report." Dated June 16, 1993. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

15. **Memorandum from Robert J. Scheuplein, Ph.D. to the FDA Biotechnology Coordinator and others. Subject: "Response to Calgene Amended Petition." Dated October 27, 1993. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

16. **Memorandum from Dr. Carl B. Johnson to Dr. Linda Kahl & Others. Subject: "Flavr Savr^(TM) tomato; significance of pending DHEE question." Dated Dec 7, 1993. (1 page) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

17. **Memorandum from Dr. Fred Hines to Dr. Linda Kahl. Subject: "FLAVR SAVR Tomato"..."Pathology Branch's Remarks to Calgene Inc.'s Response to FDA Letter of June 29, 1993." Dated December 10, 1993. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

D. Additional Evidence of Improprieties In The Formation Of FDA Policy On Bioengineered Foods

18. **Note from Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, to Mr. Michael Taylor. Subject: "Food Biotechnology Policy Development." Dated October 7, 1993. (1 page) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

19. **Document titled "FDA REGULATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM GENETICALLY ALTERED PLANTS: POINTS TO CONSIDER" Not dated. (3 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

20. **Memorandum from Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, to the Director of the Center for Applied Nutrition. Subject: "FDA Task Group on Food Biotechnology: Progress Report 2." Dated August 15, 1991. (1 page) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

21. **Memorandum from David Kessler, Commissioner of Food & Drugs. Subject: "FDA Proposed Statement of Policy Clarifying the Regulation of Food Derived from Genetically Modified Plants--DECISION." Dated March 20, 1992. (4 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

22. **Letter from Terry Medley, J.D. (of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service), to Dr. James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator. Subject: "Comments on FDA Draft Statement of Policy on foods derived from new plant varieties, including plants derived by recombinant DNA techniques. Dated April 2, 1992. (5 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**

23. **Note from Eric Katz (Dept. of Health & Human Services) to John Gallivan. Subject: "Food Biotechnology Policy Statement." Dated March 27, 1992. (2 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View](#)**

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24. **Memorandum from James B. MacRae, Jr. (of the Office of Management and Budget), for C. Boyden Gray (President Bush's White House counsel). Subject: "FDA Food Biotechnology Policy." Dated March 21, 1992. (2 pages) [View Our Summary](#) - [View Document](#) - [Print Document](#)**