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ATTENTION: MS. LINDA M. QUINONES

RE: DEPO PROVERA CO150 INJECTABLE CONTRACEPTIVE
 PUBLIC BOARD OF INQUIRY
 DOCKET NO: 78N-0124
 LETTER DATED 15 OCTOBER, 1981, UPHOHN COMPANY

Dear Ms. Quinones,

I am Superintendent of Winlaton Youth Training Centre, which is a State administered Institution in Victoria, Australia. Our residents are young women between the ages of 14 and 21 years of age. Winlaton is the only statutory facility in this state which caters for sentenced females between the ages of 15 and 21 years, and for Wards of State from age 14; a few of our young females are as young as 10 years.

Under the direction of Winlaton's Medical staff, select young women are currently being administered with Depo Provera. While this is only considered on the basis of their requesting this form of contraception, I am aware of and concerned regarding the ongoing controversy surrounding the use and marketing of this drug, especially in the United States.

I have sighted some of the written material which is currently available, including the letter referred to earlier, dated October 15, 1981, from Upjohn to yourself. This material came to me through Ms. Milicent Fenwick's contacts with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (see attached letter). Mrs. Patricia Ohliger is my sister and lives in Ms. Fenwick's county.

Would it be possible for you to send up-to-date information on the outcome of the Public Board of Inquiry? This would greatly facilitate our own deliberations on the use of the drug for young women under our care. Any further recent information regarding the current situation of Depo Provera in the United States would also be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

DR. EILEEN N. SLACK
 SUPERINTENDENT

c.c: Dr. Heather Manning, Psychiatrist Superintendent, Children's Court Clinic
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