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REVIEW STAFF  
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William Colby, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Langley, Virginia

Dear Director Colby:

We are the surviving family of Dr. Frank Olson, a biochemist who in 1953 was personally injured and killed as the direct and proximate result of the illegal, unlawful and wrongful acts of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). As you know, Dr. Olson's personal injuries and wrongful death occurred in New York City following the secret and unknown administration to him of the drug lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). We, the members of Dr. Olson's family, also suffered injuries as a result thereof.

We hereby, pursuant to this letter, file a claim for Dr. Olson's wrongful death, and all other claims arising as a result thereof, pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. §§ 2671, et seq.), and in accordance with Part 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Administrative Claims under Federal Tort Claims Act). This letter is in lieu of the executed Standard Form 95, and is specifically permitted pursuant to Section 14.2(a) of Part 14 of 28 C.F.R. If you believe this letter is not in compliance with Section 14.2(a) of C.F.R., please notify our counsel promptly. This letter also constitutes a power of attorney appointing counsel as required by Part 4 of C.F.R.

The relief which we claim is as follows:

1. A full and complete disclosure to the family of all of the details surrounding the circumstances which lead to the illegal administration of LSD and the resulting death of Dr. Olson. We do request appropriate assurance from the proper government official that such full and complete disclosure has been made. The family, mindful of the

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circumstances and the painful details that this disclosure may entail, reserve the right at its discretion to make some or all of the details public. The family will be glad to advise the CIA, if that becomes necessary, in a proper and dignified release of this material to the public.

2. A statement from the appropriate government official and/or Department stating that such acts which led to the death of Dr. Olson were contrary to the rights of American citizens and to the Charter of the CIA. We also want assurance that appropriate steps have been taken, either by way of Executive Order or Directive, or appropriate CIA Rules and Regulations, which specifically forbid the kind of activity which resulted in the wrongful death of Dr. Olson; and

3. Monetary damages in the maximum amount of \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars). (As you know, Section 2675 (b) of the Federal Tort Claims Act requires that the maximum amount of damages be set forth in any claim filed with the appropriate agency so as not to preclude any appropriate monetary recovery in United States District Court if legal action is required.)

We have decided not to make this letter or the fact that we have filed this claim with the CIA public at this time.

We would be glad to discuss any of the above with you at your earliest convenience. We hope the sooner this matter is resolved the better. However, we are prepared, after living with this for over twenty-two years, to pursue our rights to their eventual conclusion, no matter how long this may take.

Please contact the family's counsel -- David Rudovsky, Esq., and David Kairys, Esq., Kairys & Rudovsky,

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We will await your reply.

Very truly yours,

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