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Dear Mr. Kohn:

Enclosed are a few notes on telephone conversations with Edward V. Ohanian, Ph.D., EPA, with whom I had worked on the fluoride issue for 3 - 4 years (he says it was longer) during the last Review of the MCL (maximum contaminant level) of fluoride.

I realize all telephone conversations and meetings with Dr. Ohanian may be considered "hearsay" since I have nothing in print from him. This is being sent to show that Dr. Ohanian was also concerned about losing his job because of fluoride... an onus that has hung over so many over the country for so many years.

Dr. Ohanian was joyous that the Surgeon General's Ad Hoc Committee on "Non-Dental Health Effects of Fluoride," April 1983, had voted NOT to raise the MCL. He called and said that this was one of the biggest celebrations of his life since defending his Ph.D. As you may know, this panel's conclusion was changed to 4.0 mg/l AFTER THEY AJOURNED. This was "re-written" and submitted to the Surgeon General in September 1983, and further "whitewashed" by the Surgeon General's office in a Letter/Report to the EPA, January 1984.

In approximately March 1984, Dr. Ohanian had drafted an MCL of 1.5 mg/l for the Federal Register; even this was really a compromise to dentistry to protect the "holy" 1 mg/l (1 part per million) fluoride. At first, Dr. Cotruvo (Dr. Ohanian's boss at that time) also tried to uphold scientific integrity. In fact, Dr. Ohanian said that Dr. Cotruvo, Mr. Ravan and someone else at the

EPA had agreed to the 1.5 mg/l MCL. In 1975, the EPA had also written an MCL of 1.5, but abdicated to dentistry in the Surgeon General's office, USPHS.

Based on my notes of May 10, 1985, the job of writing the MCL of fluoride must have been taken away from Dr. Ohanian during April - May, 1985 and given to Arthur Perler... and written at the higher level of 4.0 mg/l. After years' of reading the literature, I think EPA's response had to have been "run by" and drafted by networking dentistry, including the ADA... same "canned" and sanitizing responses to the scientific evidence.

I had not talked to Dr. Ohanian since February 7, 1986 when he said, "Please help save my job," until I called him last year about the current review. Among other statements, he said that EPA has now set up a system whereby studies submitted cannot "disappear," as did material during the last fluoride review.

I like Dr. Ohanian and feel badly about betraying anything he told me in confidence; he just "caved in" to the enormous pressure from dentistry in many agencies, the ADA, and the Surgeon General himself (Koop). I am grateful to him for many things; I was so naive about the scientific and political corruption on fluoride during the early 1980s.

However, if there is anything I can do to help Dr. Marcus, who had the guts not to cave in, I want to do it, and hope these notes will help. I am also mindful of the current 253 million Americans and the next generation who are subject to decisions that Dr. Ohanian will make in 1992-1993 now that he has again the responsibility of the fluoride review... and that this could have adverse ramifications for millions.*

Yours very truly,

Martha Bevis
Martha Bevis (Mrs. R. M.)

CC: Robert Carton, Ph.D.

*More than health is involved; billions and billions of dollars are being drained from this country for fluoride and dentistry, and annually fed with PAC funds to Congress by the ADA and their allies.

M. Bevis, 4-15-92: It was in this conversation that Dr. Ohanian said, "Please help save my job." I didn't add it to the notes at the time; it didn't seem important then.

2/10/86

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Notes on/conversation with Dr. Ohanian of 2/7/86 when Susan Pare and I were in Washington to copy EPA files... meet Jackie to discuss NRDC suit.

I asked Dr. Ohanian about the "contracts" he had mentioned to Carol at the EPA Hearing in December. He said they were not "contracts," but that they had asked different people to see if they could find any studies on skeletal fluorosis in the U.S.

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I reminded him that I had sent six studies/in the 2 volumes of studies but ~~none~~ of my material/^{not} was in the file.... He again stated he sent all of that to Public Docket and doesn't know what happened to it.

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I also told him that the Fed. Reg of November only cites 2 studies, but in the Public Docket Record list ... they cite the Morris study ... which would make the 3rd study.

Dr. O said the psychological work wasn't very good (NIMH). .. I said, "Did you see the material I sent to the NDWAC showing 400 prisoners being treated for dental fluorosis?"

He said, "No, I turned myself off of fluoride when it was given to Arthur Perler."

Other comments by Dr. O:

"You know how hard I worked on this first I tried to get it on dental fluorosis, and you know what happened there." Then, I tried to get it on skeletal fluorosis..."

"Your problem is with the Surgeon General, not the EPA."

ME: "The EPA is responsible for drinking water, not the Surgeon General."

He then said (paraphrased) "How can we fight the health empire; the Surgeon General, HHS, the AMA, the ADA, the Assn. of Territorial Dental Directors, the Assn of Territorial Health Directors...."

ME: "Again, EPA is responsible, not these organizations. EPA had an opportunity to take a giant step for mankind and they didn't take it."

He repeated again there was nothing they could do I wish I had thought to tell him he could do what Bob Carton is doing.

I then thanked him for his time, and asked that he give me a call if anything comes up . He said he would as long as I kept it confidential.

Another comment from Dr. Ohanian: "In the first place, I don't see why we had to go to the Surgeon General with fluoride. We don't go to him with other chemicals."