

June 30, 1976

Honorable Harley O. Staggers
Chairman, Committee on Interstate
and Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives
Room 2125, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

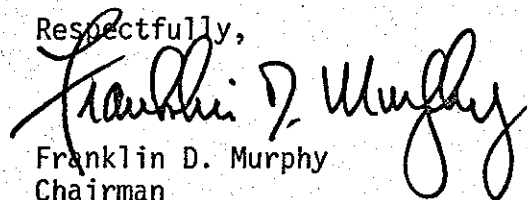
On behalf of the President's Biomedical Research Panel, I am pleased to transmit herewith our Report pursuant to Public Law 94-278. This Panel was charged to conduct an investigation and study of the implication of the disclosure to the public of information contained in research protocols, research hypotheses, and research designs obtained by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in connection with applications or proposals submitted to the Secretary for a grant, fellowship, or contract under the Public Health Service Act.

The Panel was instructed to complete the investigation by May 31, 1976, and to submit its report by June 30, 1976, to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of the Senate.

We hope that this Report will be of value to the members of the Congress in their deliberations concerning the issues involved in disclosure to the public of information in applications and proposals.

The Panel is grateful for the opportunity to prepare this Report and wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of those individuals and federal agencies who assisted the Panel in conducting its investigation and study.

Respectfully,


Franklin D. Murphy
Chairman

Washington, D. C.