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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Division of Dockets Management  
Food and Drug Administration  
5030 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

FR: Louis W. Sullivan, M.D. 

DA: March 28, 2005

RE: Section IV, Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed (AVA) Proposed Order

From 1975 to 1989 I was president of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). From January 1989 until January 1993 I served as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. I returned to the presidency of MSM in January of 1993 and became President Emeritus on July 1, 2002. Since January 2004, I have served as a consultant to BioPort Corporation.

AVA has had several successful reviews for its safety and effectiveness, by the Division of Biologic Standards of NIH which, in 1970, licensed it for commercial distribution. Other FDA review panels of outside scientists and the Institute of Medicine have concluded that AVA is safe and is effective against anthrax.

I therefore support the effort to have the FDA place AVA in category 1 (safe, effective and not misbranded).

Thank you for your attention

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