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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552, as amended), we hereby request disclosure of the following records for inspection and possible copying:

*All documents relating to the 60 or more human embryonic stem cell lines that NIH has deemed to be extant and suitable for study by federally funded scientists in this country, including a) where the lines were developed, grown and are being stored, b) who isolated them and at what institution, c) what is the evidence that they are truly human embryonic stem cell lines, d) all correspondences between NIH and the caretakers of these cells regarding the cell lines' origins and suitability for study by federally funded scientists in the United States, and e) all non-proprietary details regarding patent rights, licensing arrangements and other aspects relevant to Material Transfer Agreements that may be required for scientists in this country to gain access to those cell lines.*

*All staff memoranda, notes and correspondence relating to President Bush's Aug. 9 announcement on embryonic stem cell research including: a.) administration meetings, b.) telephone conversations with individuals possessing embryonic stem cell lines, and c.) briefing books.*

**We further request that you disclose the listed documents as they become available, without waiting until all have been assembled.**

**If you regard any of these records as exempt from required disclosure under the Act, please exercise your discretion to disclose them nevertheless. If you should decide not to exercise your discretion to disclose any records, please cite the exemption and provide all non-exempt portions as required by 5 U.S.C. §552 (b).**

**Please call if there's anything we can do to modify this request in a way that will expedite your response.**