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Attachment 13C:

Buccal Cell Pre-Contact Letter for Iowa Respondents with NHL

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To: Agricultural Health Study Participant

From: Charles Lynch, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Iowa Field Station

Thank you for continuing to participate in the Agricultural Health Study. You are an essential member of this study, which is designed to learn about how occupation and environmental factors affect an individual's health. Thanks to your participation, this now is the largest one of its kind in the United States.

The main goal of this study is to look at pesticide exposures and chronic health conditions. Now that we are learning more about possible links between non-Hodgkin lymphoma and pesticide use, we would like you to consider participating in an additional research effort. You are one of about 500 members of the Agricultural Health Study who have been selected to be contacted about this study. Because you have already contributed a tremendous amount of information about your pesticide exposure in previous interviews and questionnaires, this new study will have a head-start in understanding the relationship of non-Hodgkin lymphoma to these exposures. The study will include people who have not been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma as well as people who have had this disease. The experiences of these two groups will then be compared.

We would like you to collect a sample of loose cells from your mouth. You may have done so for us in a previous effort, but this sample will be reserved specifically for later laboratory analysis that will involve genetic testing. Your participation will take only a few minutes and will provide very important information for the study.

We will be calling you within a few days to explain the procedure and answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call us at **1-800-217-1954**. We will be glad to assist you.

We truly value your continued participation in this landmark study of agricultural workers and their families. Because you have already provided us with valuable information no other person can take your place.

Thank you once again for your time and support.