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Dear Dr. Major:

I am writing to inform you that, on behalf of members of the research community interested in one of your studies, several Members of Congress have written the Department of Health and Human Services seeking to obtain copies of the data that you collected under a grant issued by the National Institute of Mental Health in 1996 (5R01MH47989).

NIH does not have any of this material in its possession. Therefore, I am passing this request on directly to you.

The Members have requested a copy of the code books, a blank copy of each questionnaire used at each phase of the study, a suitable electronic copy of all the data entered from the completed questionnaires and all constructed variables used in the original analyses, and any notes regarding definition of the variables and/or aberrations in the data of which a researcher reanalyzing the data should be aware. No information you provide should contain information that could be used to identify any research subjects.

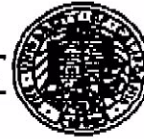
For your convenience, you may send the requested materials to the Office of Legislative Policy and Analysis at NIH, Building 1, Room 244, c/o Marc Smolonsky. If you could please inform me of your decision regarding this request within 30 days, that would be greatly appreciated. This Office will ensure that whatever you provide is made available to the Members of Congress for further distribution to the ultimate requestor. If you have any questions, you may contact Marc Smolonsky, the Director of the Office, at 301-496-3471.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Insel, M.D.
Director

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Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director
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Dear Dr. Insel,

This letter is in response to a request, forwarded to me on August 16, 2004, to obtain copies of the data that I collected under a grant issued by the National Institutes in Mental Health (5R01MH47989). The grant in question was issued to me in 1992 and expired in 1996.

Copies of the data in electronic format, code books, a blank copy of each questionnaire used at each phase of the study, all constructed variables, and any relevant notes are requested. Unfortunately, I am not able to provide this information at this point in time. The data in question were collected a decade ago. In the interim I have moved my lab across the country and all of the original researchers involved in the project have scattered to different parts of the country. It would be very difficult to pull this information together.

Although I am not able to provide the materials requested, I am pleased to see that my research is still garnering significant interest more than a decade after it was funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health. This illustrates the relevance of basic behavioral science research to understanding important mental health issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Major". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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