

Memo from

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To:

Ralph Dorfman
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Dear Ralph--

For reasons that include, but go beyond the fact that Syntex belongs to the AHI, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed correspondence.

The recommendations are so reactionary that they will, in my opinion, make it much more difficult to secure rational revisions of the FDA regulatory philosophy.

I realize there is a wide divergence of opinion on these matters, and I am certainly sensitive to well-founded grievances about existing regulatory abominations. But we should be careful to discourage over-reacting to these with extreme positions that are both scientifically and politically untenable.

I do not suggest that you or Syntex adheres to the AHI committee's line; but as a member of AHI, Syntex may become associated with it, and I would caution about being led into a dangerous policy trap.

Sincerely,