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VIA FACSIMILIE

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AUG., 29, 1995

DEAR KAREN GUS,

Besides THIS FACT SHEET I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPEN TO ME PERSONALLY. I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

IN 1989 I HAD BREAST CANCER. I WAS 46. AND I COULDN'T FACE TO BE FLAT. THE DOCTOR TOLD ME, I COULD HAVE IMPLANTS. HE DIDN'T TELL ME, THEY COULD RUPTURE OR ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. IN MAY 1990 I BECAME VERY SICK, ALL TIME. I HAD A BUSINESS TO RUN BUT I WAS UNABLE TO, I WAS SICK ALWAYS. MY HAIR STARTED TO FALL OUT, AND IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF THE CANCER, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHY, ONE DOCTOR TOLD ME I WAS GETTING OLD. MY HANDS GOT BLISTERED AND IT WOULDN'T HEAL UP. THIS STILL HAPPENS. THE DOCTORS DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, BECAUSE NO MEDICINE WORKS. MY DIGESTIVE SYSTEM IS ALL MESSED UP, I HAD TEST AFTER TEST THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING, THE MEDICINE THEY TRIED DIDN'T WORK. I HAD ONE KIDNEY INFECTION AFTER ANOTHER. THEY HAD TO CHANGE MEDICINE SO OFTEN, THAT I CARE TO COUNT. ALL THIS STILL HAPPENS. AT THE PRESENT I HAVE(ONE MONTHS A GO) I GOT ATHROAT INFECTION, I WENT TO THE DOCTOR, HE GAVE ME 2 SHOTS, A WEEK LATER I GOT 2 MORE, IT DIDN'T HELP. THEN HE CHANGES MEDICINE AGAIN. THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. I USE TO BE HEALTHY AS A HORSE, NOW I WORK MAYBE 2 HOURS AND I HAVE TO LIE DOWN FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS. THAT'S NOT REALLY LIFE. YOU KNOW I GOT OVER THE CANCER, BUT THIS IS WORTH THAN CANCER.

IF I HAD KNOWN ALL THAT, I WOULD HAVE NEVER LET THEM CHOP MY BREASTS OFF, I WOULD HAVE TAKEN A CHANCE ON MY CANCER, I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORTH OFF THEN NOW. MY LYMPH-NOD WAS NOT INFECTED BECAUSE THEY TOOK THEM OUT AND CHECKED THEM. THERE IS LOTS MORE I WENT THROUGH BUT I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THIS LETTER TO LONG, AND I AM NOT A GOOD WRITER, BESIDE I AM STILL SICKLY. IN A FEW WEEK I'LL GET BETTER HOPEFULLY. UNTIL SOMEONE ACROSS THE STREET SNEEZES, YOU BE SURE I GET IT, BECAUSE THAT'S HOW IT IS. I CATCH ANYTHING THAT'S GOING AROUND. THE DIFFERENT IS A NORMAL PERSON GETS OVER IT IN A FEW DAYS, ME IT TAKES ME A MONTHS OR 2, AND ENDLESS DOCTOR VISITS AND MEDICINE. MY LEFT LEG GIVES OUT, I CAN'T WALK ON IT FOR WEEKS AT A TIME THE PAIN IS TOO MUCH, THAT COMES AND GOES AS IT WANT'S TO.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. YOU KNOW, I WOULD LOVE TO GO IN FRONT OF A COMMITTEE WERE DOW CORNING IS PRESENT, I WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO TELL ME THAT I DON'T GET SICK FROM THEIR IMPLANTS. THESE IMPLANTS HAD TOTALLY DISINTEGRATED IN MY BODY, THEY HAD TO SCRAPE THEM OUT. THE THING THAT IT WAS IN. THEY DIDN'T FIND THAT'S STILL SOMEWHERE IN MY BODY.

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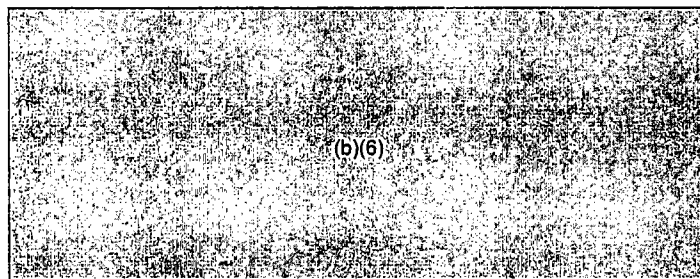
To Whom It May Concern,

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I am writing in regard to the Breast Implant situation. I have personally been affected by Breast Implants and I can no longer work or function as a part of society. This is a very serious disease, and many question its validity. I can assure you that this disease is real and that it has been directly covered up by the manufacturers. These people are responsible for the failing health of hundreds of thousands of women and children. I have a seven year old son that has also been affected. It's a pitiful site to see a seven year old get up in the morning with swollen hands acting so badly he can't put his over socks on.

How dare the manufacturers say we are not really ill!

I am calling for these people to be brought to justice and I am calling on you to help.



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August 20, 1995

To Whomever Can Help:

It is a sad day today - I filed for SS Disability. I am a worker. I worked through high school, through college, through the next 30 years, always giving my employer the best of me.

If I had been more aware, I would have noticed symptoms long ago, but I was busy-raising two girls, furthering my career. I had to be brought, literally, to my knees by my breast implants. Just after Christmas of 1992, I broke out in hives. By the time I reached a doctor, they were covering my body, with swollen, painful joints, and a sick fatigue so severe that I thought I must be dying. My Rheumatoid Factor was extremely high, so I was sent to a Rheumatologist. He said the test had to be wrong, that nobody had this high a factor in the initial stages of arthritis. He re-tested, it was even higher. My first clue that it was being caused by my implants was prompted by his last question, "Oh, by the way, do you have breast implants?" Then immediately began discounting the possibility of that being the problem.

That day began the long fight to have my implants removed. It took 15 months. By the time my insurance company agreed to pay for my explant, I was so very disabled, I could barely walk. I did have a rupture that was undetected even by an MRI.

I am some better; it has been the fight of my life. I take at least 15 vitamins and herbs a day, and at least my hair is starting to grow back. I try to walk at least 1 mile even on my bad days. I am taking a drug that helps to block the pain from nerve damage. Will I ever be well enough to work again? I don't know. My last Rheumatoid Factor was 895, but I still consider myself one of the lucky ones. My family has been very supportive of me. There are some women living in their cars.

How can this nation allow Dow Corning/Dow Chemical to shirk responsibility for their actions. There are documents proving that they knew about the harm silicone causes as far back as the 1950's, yet they told doctors and implant recipients that it was harmless and would last a lifetime.

It is difficult for me to believe they are still working to get them approved for mass marketing through slick public relations, paying for bogus studies, and manipulating the media by threatening to pull their advertising (re: Redbook's August issue on silicone children).

The Global Settlement is in dire danger. Once again the Dow's make a mockery of our legal system, our government, and the taxpayers. Rep. James R. Traficant (OH) has led a movement to investigate Dow Corning and Dow Chemical. Not one Texas

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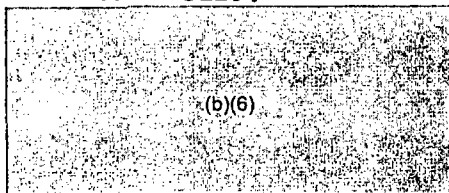
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representative even signed his petitions. That is unconscionable when you consider there are more damaged women in Texas than anywhere in the nation. Please contact his office and offer your support.

We will not go away. We are only the fore-runner of what's to come. There are 100,000 sick women today, how many tomorrow? No action against these manufacturers is an outrage, and an ominous future look at a nation of invalid women.

Respectfully,



FAX NOTE

Dear Ms. Karen Gus,

I am writing to you on behalf of about 100 other sick women like myself, from Stuart, Port St. Lucie area. We are appealing to you because you deal with issues that affect the lives and welfare of women today. We all need to voice our concerns about the status of the very serious Breast Implant Litigation this week. This issue is the future of 440,000 women and children; some seriously ill now and some died, and others who may still face serious illness. If a FAIR renegotiated settlement is not reached by August 30th, the American people and the taxpayers may be held liable for the inexcusable indifference of a few private corporations.

We are all calling for your action now!

Thank you,

**Judy S. Tolx
801 Central Pkwy., 15
Stuart, Fl. 34994**



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REMARKS:



Urgent



For your review



Reply ASAP



Please comment

Please read this. I am a
32 year old, two children
and very sick.

Thank you

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1st IMPLANT RECIPIENT: I am sick and tired of being lied to. I am not a laboratory rat.

TED KOPPEL: [voice-over] It led to a near-endless run of lawsuits.

2nd IMPLANT RECIPIENT: I had to give up my career. Because of the implants, I was having seizures.

NANCY PAYNE [sp?]: I was pretty much bedridden for 18 hours a day.

TED KOPPEL: [voice-over] It led to the biggest settlement in U.S. history, and it caused the bankruptcy of a major corporation.

DOW CORNING EXECUTIVE: We had 20,000 lawsuits from breast implant cases, and a public perception that this was a bad material.

TED KOPPEL: [voice-over] But what if, now, we found out that they were actually safe?

Dr. MATTHEW LIANG, Brigham and Women's Hospital: Our study showed no increased risk of developing a connective tissue disease in women who have received silicone breast implants.

TED KOPPEL: [voice-over] Tonight, the problem with breast implants: is there a problem at all?

ANNOUNCER: This is ABC News Nightline. Reporting from Washington, Ted Koppel.

TED KOPPEL: Every once in a while a news story breaks that raises at least as many questions as it answers. Such was the case a few weeks ago when The New England Journal of Medicine reported on a study which strongly suggested that there is no correlation between silicone breast implants and what is called connective tissue disease. Now, some of you may recall that only a few months ago, Dow Corning, the country's largest producer of those silicone implants, filed for bankruptcy after agreeing to pay \$2 billion as its part of a class action lawsuit. On the face of it, that looks as though a massive injustice

was done, in which not the consumer, but the big corporation, may have been the victim. Is it possible that Dow Corning went out of business, swept aside in a wave of medical, journalistic and legal hysteria, at least a good part of which, it now turns out, may have been unfounded?

Well, yes and no. A bit later in the broadcast, I'll be talking about this with the Food and Drug Administration commissioner, Dr. David Kessler. But first, we asked producer Jay Weiss and correspondent Cokie Roberts to dig a little deeper into the biggest class action settlement in the history of U.S. business. Are silicone implants safe, after all? Here's Cokie Roberts.

COKIE ROBERTS, ABC News: [voice-over] This one was easy, this breast implant story. There were black hats and white hats, and everyone could tell which was which. Wearing black, the manufacturers of breast implants, major corporations that had so wronged the women who bought their products that they agreed to a payout of more than \$4 billion. Wearing white, the thousands of women complaining of dire effects of breast implants.

3rd IMPLANT RECIPIENT: The symptoms are a lot of joint pain, a lot of joint swelling, severe fatigue. My muscles are constantly in spasm.

4th IMPLANT RECIPIENT: I have lupus, I have scleroderma, I get temporal lobe seizures, I have Sjogren's syndrome, I have a spastic colon.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] Also in the good guy category, the Food and Drug Administration, which three years ago called a halt to the implants for most women.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER, FDA Commissioner: We are asking plastic surgeons, we are asking manufacturers, that the physicians should cease using them and the manufacturers should stop distributing them.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] Dow Corning, the major implant manufacturer, had no choice, it seemed, but to settle for billions. Otherwise, the company would face so many suits it would end up paying billions more.

[on camera] For most of us, that's where the story ended. Then, early this summer, just one week after Dow Corning filed for bankruptcy, it seemed we had it all wrong.

[voice-over] A study by Brigham and Women's Hospital made it seem that it was Dow Corning and the other implant manufacturers that were handed a raw deal. The study showed that women with breast implants were no more likely to suffer from connective tissue diseases than women without them.

Dr. MATTHEW LIANG, Brigham and Women's Hospital: Our study showed no increased risk of developing a connective tissue disease in women who have received silicone breast implants.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] Last year, a study from the prestigious Mayo Clinic reached the same conclusion.

Dr. SHERINE GABRIEL, Mayo Clinic: We found no significant difference in the occurrence of connective tissue diseases between the women who had the implants and the women who did not.

COKIE ROBERTS: Now it seemed like the hats were switched, that Dow Corning was done in by greedy lawyers taking advantage of concerned women.

Not so fast. Like everything else in this story, nothing is exactly as it seems, and instead of black hats and white hats, everyone seems to be wearing gray. The whole cast of characters - the public interest groups, the plaintiffs' lawyers, politicians and the press on one side, and a manufacturer that contributed mightily to its own demise on the other. Caught in the middle, the hundreds of thousands of women who want to know if breast implants are safe.

[voice-over] Women have been asking that question at least since breast implants became a matter of public concern. Five years ago, breast implant stories hit the airwaves, after the devices had been on the market for almost 30 years.

CONNIE CHUNG: ['Face to Face,' CBS, March 10, 1990] Only now is the government looking at the dangers, but for some women it may be too late.

5th IMPLANT RECIPIENT: I had my implants removed in 1991, after viewing a Connie Chung special on implants.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] When an issue gains national notoriety, congressional attention can't be far behind. The late New York Congressman Ted Weiss held hearings.

Rep. TED WEISS, (D), New York: [December 18, 1990] Potential patients need to be well-informed of the risks of implants, and the FDA needs to make sure that consumers are protected.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] And when Congress gets involved, the regulators get nervous. The Food and Drug Administration responded to the pressure by summoning a panel to take a look at the implants, which had never been regulated by the FDA before. The committee's conclusion? Insufficient information to declare the implants safe, but perfectly fine to leave them on the market. Dr. Elizabeth Connell [sp?] chaired the FDA committee.

Dr. ELIZABETH CONNELL: [November 12, 1991] If we had really thought they were dangerous, our recommendation would have been get them out, don't make any more, don't put anymore in.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] That might have been the end of it, but it wasn't. Just one month after the FDA panel met, a California woman won a \$7.3-million suit. Dow Corning's internal documents caused the jury to find the company guilty of fraudulently and maliciously failing to warn women of the problems with implants. That turned up the pressure on the FDA, and Ralph Nader's health research group made sure the agency felt the heat.

MAN [?]: [January 2, 1992] We feel tremendous pressure to protect women in this country and get these taken off the market. Extremely damaging evidence against the company from internal company documents came in.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] The documents showed that Dow Corning had years of complaints from doctors that the implants routinely ruptured and leaked, and that the company had conducted its own studies questioning the safety of

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breast implants. When Dr. Norman Anderson [sp?], one of the scientists on the FDA panel, got his hands on the documents, he was so shocked by them he decided to confront the head of the FDA.

Dr. NORMAN ANDERSON: It was a very interesting meeting, controversial, to say the least, but following that, that meeting, there was a dramatic turn.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: [January 6, 1992] Today I am requesting a moratorium on the further use of all silicone gel breast implants. I have gotten documents, literally handed to me on Friday, that I reviewed for the first time.

NANCY PAYNE: When the FDA declared the moratorium, I got very scared.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] Nancy Payne is a nurse who had been wondering whether her breast implants had caused a myriad of health problems she was experiencing.

NANCY PAYNE: Chronic fatigue, joint pain, muscle pain, deep bone pain, blurred vision, couldn't think clearly, my eyes were sensitive to light.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] Along with thousands of other women, Nancy Payne learned of the FDA moratorium on breast implants from the press coverage. Like it or not, the agency was now smack in the middle of the controversy.

PETER JENNINGS: ['World News Tonight,' January 6, 1992] Good evening. We begin tonight with an advisory from the Food and Drug Administration that there are troubling questions about the safety of silicone breast implants.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] And once the media's on the scene, the lawyers are never far behind.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER, Plaintiff Lawyer: Women began to go to lawyers, and cases began to be filed in large numbers.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] And two big lawsuits made it clear where future juries would be headed. In December 1992, a Houston woman was awarded \$25 million. In March 1994, another Houston jury said three women were due almost \$28 million. Just three weeks later, four manufacturers of breast implants settled for more than \$4 billion, Dow Corning's share \$2 billion. The company says it had no choice.

RICHARD HAZLETON, Dow Corning: We got to the point where we faced 20,000 lawsuits.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] One of the plaintiffs' lawyers has a different explanation for Dow's willingness to settle: guilt money.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER: I don't know anybody in the history of this world who's ever come forward with \$2 billion because their product don't cause any problems.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] But Dow Corning now believes science is on its side, and the company seems inclined to scrap the settlement. Not all scientists, however, are ready to declare the case against breast implants closed. Dr. Louise Brenton [sp?] is overseeing a giant four-year study at the National Cancer Institute aimed at finding the answer to the question, 'Do breast

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implants cause disease?'

Dr. LOUISE BRENTON: I personally feel that we need more data. We're conducting a large study to get the data that we think we need. So I don't think that the jury is in.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] And then there are the thousands upon thousands of women who have breast implants and complain of terrible pain. Can they all be wrong? No, says Dr. Norman Anderson.

Dr. NORMAN ANDERSON: But when you hear, day after day, patient after patient, the same story, you've have the same physical findings, and they mesh, then I think that's real. I've had one in and out of the emergency room 20 times with pain. She's called neurotic. You take out the implant, and she's well.

COKIE ROBERTS: [voice-over] Hundreds of women, women like Nancy Payne, tell that story.

NANCY PAYNE: How do you explain, when I couldn't walk up a hill, and now I can walk six miles a day? How do you explain that my muscles don't ache anymore, that my rash is gone, that my eyes aren't sensitive to light anymore?

COKIE ROBERTS: Until the FDA can answer those questions, it will be hesitant to declare breast implants safe, whatever the pressure from the corporations, the Congress and the court action, and women will be left wondering. This is Cokie Roberts for Nightline, in Washington.

TED KOPPEL: When we come back, I'll be joined by the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Dr. David Kessler.

[Commercial break]

TED KOPPEL: Joining me now, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Dr. David Kessler.

Did you realize what a legal mishmash would follow after you declared that moratorium?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner: You never fully understand how complex something is, and Cokie's report got it exactly right. This is not a simple problem.

TED KOPPEL: Not a settled issue?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Not a settled issue.

TED KOPPEL: How do you tell that to - and I don't know whether we're talking about hundreds of employees, thousands of employees of Dow Corning who will say, 'Wait a second, our business went belly-up because our parent company had to pay \$2 billion'- I mean, \$2 billion is a hell of a lot of money.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: But even more importantly, what do you tell the one million patients, one million women who have this device, who are sitting there asking, 'Is this device safe?'

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TED KOPPEL: There are - and I think we need to do this right up at the top here - there are two different issues that we're talking about. The one is connective tissue disease and the other is sometimes these things leak.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Fall apart.

TED KOPPEL: Fall apart. When they fall apart in the body, in other words, no one is suggesting that it's not bad for you if these things fall apart in the body.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: They have to be taken out and replaced.

TED KOPPEL: Exactly. And if you leave it in there, it can be painful. Can that cause disease in and of itself, that silicone, that if that gets into the bloodstream, what happens?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: It certainly can cause local symptoms. It can cause pain, it can cause nodules. No one wants a foreign substance leaking throughout one's body.

TED KOPPEL: Now, Dow Corning kept saying, 'Yes, it happens, but it only happens in very, very few cases, couple of percent.'

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: In 1991, the company said that the rupture rate was between 0.2 and 1.0 percent.

TED KOPPEL: What do your own findings show?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: The published studies to date - and they're not great - suggest that the rupture rate and bleed rate is somewhere between 5 percent and 71 percent. There are published studies that show-

TED KOPPEL: I mean, that's a ridiculous range.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: -well, that's the problem, 30 years of use and we still don't have the data. The reason we're in this mess is before you go implant a device, you have to be willing to get the answers. And we're not going to know everything about a device the day we approve it, but you have to be willing to go monitor its use.

TED KOPPEL: But if it were as high as 70 percent, then if you're talking about a million women, you're talking about as many as 700,000 women who face the danger of that thing rupturing in their bodies

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: The numbers, I don't have exactly, but somewhere in that range, and we still don't have good data.

TED KOPPEL: But whether it's 50,000 or 700,000, would that not be enough? I mean, if a device that you place in the human body is so subject to damage that it can cause great pain, inflammation, who knows, disease for some 50,000 women, wouldn't that be reason enough to say no?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: It's certainly a problem. It's a serious problem. But that's not the same thing as saying that 'You're going to die from it.'

TED KOPPEL: Now we're talking about the- first of all, explain, what is

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connective tissue disease?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: The rheumatological complaints.

TED KOPPEL: Arthritis?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, those kinds of diseases.

TED KOPPEL: But there are claims that there have been any number of other diseases that have been precipitated.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: That's correct, and let me tell you what the science says today. There have been several good epidemiological studies, but no study is perfect. I think the studies are reassuring that there is not a large increased risk from typical connective tissue diseases. The studies don't rule out a small but real significant increase in typical connective diseases or these, quote, 'atypical,' diseases.

TED KOPPEL: We're going to have to take a short break, but what you're saying, just so I understand it correctly, these studies, which are very small sample studies, for the most part, are showing that essentially the connective tissue disease among women who do not have the implants is roughly the same as among women who have had the implants?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: They rule out a large increased risk.

TED KOPPEL: All right. Let's stop on that note for a moment. We'll be back in just a moment.

[Commercial break]

TED KOPPEL: And we're back once again with FDA Commissioner Dr. David Kessler.

This may be - in fact, it probably is - more of a legal question than a medical question, but if these studies, and if the large studies prove the same thing, namely, that there is very little difference between women who have the implants and those who don't, when it comes to connective tissue disease, is it your impression that the courts would have found as they did in that \$2-billion settlement against Dow Corning?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Again, I think you need to separate the problems, the safety concerns. There's first the concern about rupture, these devices falling apart, and that certainly does cause complications. And there's also the bigger question of whether they cause connective tissue disease. In that, the information is reassuring that there's not a large risk, but the courts are looking at both questions, and people aren't separating them. Certainly, if these devices rupture, a woman who's faced with that, most people, a jury, would look at it and say, 'Gee, that woman is entitled to some'-

TED KOPPEL: To some compensation.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: That's correct. But the complaints that we're hearing is that these women have terrible diseases, and we just don't have the scientific evidence, to date, that supports that.

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TED KOPPEL: There is also some question as to the durability of these implants. Nothing is forever. Would you be satisfied, as FDA commissioner, if these products were clearly labeled and if it said, you know, 'Implant must be changed every 4-5 years'?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: That requires information, that requires the data. That allows people to make informed choices. But we don't even have the data today to say how long they last.

TED KOPPEL: How much data do you need?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Well, we certainly today know more about how long a tire lasts for than we do how long a breast implant lasts for. And in order to make an informed choice, you need that data.

TED KOPPEL: We have a large study that is underway right now, the four-year study that Cokie Roberts referred to. When that study is complete - and that is clearly the biggest, the most comprehensive study on the subject - if that study shows no connection to connective tissue disease-

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Right.

TED KOPPEL: -connective tissue disease, are you then going to be prepared, if the manufacturers say, 'Fine, we'll put the warning label on there,' would you then be prepared to lift your- your embargo against them?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: It's not an embargo. Today, we have clinical trials that are underway. The voluntary moratorium we lifted in 1992.

TED KOPPEL: Ah, my fault, I'm sorry.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: But the answer is yes. The questions that I need to answer is how long do they last, what percent ruptures, and what are the consequences of those ruptures? And certainly, giving patients, giving women the information would be a very appropriate way to handle these devices.

TED KOPPEL: So, are you going to rely on that major study that's underway right now?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: There's no such thing as one perfect study, but the information, finally, after 30 years of use, is being gathered. And when you look at whether a device is safe, you look at all the information.

TED KOPPEL: If I were a woman who was considering putting such an implant in, I'd say, 'Dr. Kessler, that's not a good enough answer for me. Give me some sense of when you are going to have sufficient information to give me guidance.'

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: We will turn around and answer very quickly, as soon as the manufacturer submits the data to us.

TED KOPPEL: So the manufacturer- well, the manufacturer says he's gone broke. Is the manufacturer still in business?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: There are other manufacturers, and in this system of device development, we have the private sector do the studies. We review those

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studies, but it's the manufacturers who have an affirmative responsibility to submit the data to the agency.

TED KOPPEL: Any sense at all as to when those studies are going to come in, or if even they're going to come in?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: I think the rupture question is a very important question, and I think it's still going to take some time to get the answers.

TED KOPPEL: 'Some time.' What are you talking about?

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Probably a couple of years.

TED KOPPEL: Dr. Kessler, thanks very much indeed.

Dr. DAVID KESSLER: Thanks, Ted.

TED KOPPEL: I'll be back in just a moment.

[Commercial break]

TED KOPPEL: And that's our report for tonight. I'm Ted Koppel in Washington. For all of us here at ABC News, good night.

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BODY:

Dow Corning Corp. is looking at ''options other than money'' in renegotiating its settlement with some 70,000 women in silicone breast implant litigation, according to a company spokeswoman.

The firm and other current and former silicone implant manufacturers have until Aug. 30 to hammer out a new settlement with plaintiffs' attorneys, or Judge Sam Pointer of the Birmingham, Ala., federal district court may decide to dissolve the deal.

Defendants contributed about \$4.25 billion to the agreement-money intended to settle women's claims of injury with payments ranging between \$105,000 to \$1.4 million.

But the court now estimates that, because more women than anticipated joined the settlement, payments could fall to as low as \$5,250 to \$70,000.

This situation presents an unpleasant dilemma for defendants and plaintiffs alike. Dow Corning, the biggest contributor to the settlement fund with \$2 billion, said it can't afford to pay more. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., with \$1.15 billion in the fund, said the same.

Dow Corning, which filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors in May, is investigating adjustments it can make to the pact without paying more money, the spokeswoman said. Adjusting the number of diseases on the payment list, payment amounts and the payment schedule are possible options, she said.

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Dear Support Group Leader(s):

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We are **RALLYING** with the women of MDL 926, their families, friends and supporters **TO UNITE TOGETHER NOW**, before the negotiations are over and Judge Pointer makes his decision. A plan has been developed, The Jericho Plan (attached) to combine the efforts of **ALL** the women of MDL 926 across the country, possibly across the globe. This plan puts us **ALL** in the drivers seat of a National campaign. You and your group decide what impact **YOU** will make. **TOGETHER**, we will **ALL** make an impact that could not be equaled on a group by group basis. **This COMBINED EFFORT, THE JERICHO PLAN, when followed thru, calls for literally THOUSANDS OF WOMEN TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS to the SAME ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS on THE SAME DAY for ONE WEEK STRAIGHT.** Seven days of **CALLING & FAXING** to a **STRATEGIC LIST** of Health Organizations, Government Officials, Government Agencies, Consumer Advocate Groups, Manufacturers of Implants and Major Media and Syndicated News Networks. This effort will end on **THE SEVENTH DAY WITH A CALL FOR ORGANIZED MARCHES** on both the **LOCAL and NATIONAL** levels. *This entire campaign has been laid out on the following pages.* All that needs to be done now is to notify our groups by mail or group meetings. This doesn't leave much of a time leeway, **BUT IT IS POSSIBLE, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS TOGETHER.** There will be about a week to get the plan out to our members via mail or meeting. All the components are here, you can choose to use our sample group letter (attached) or use your own style of emphasis. Also, add to the list with local emphasis or if there are gaps you feel need to be filled in.

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Glass Plus	Fantastik	Apple Pectin	La Muer	Perm Soft
Style Hair Care	Texdra	Dow Bath Cleaner		Dow Oven Cleaner
Grease Relief	Yes	K2r	Vivid	Janitor in a Drum
Texize	Cepacol	Cepastat	Spray'n Starch	Handi Wrap
Citruce!	Resolve	Smart Scrub	Nicorette	Spiffits
Gaviscon	Gly-oxide	Novahistine	Oscal	Curl-n-Go
Curl Memory	Pine Magic	Pine Power	Tough Act	Wood Plus

SUBSIDIARIES:

Admiral Equipment Co.
 Dow Brands LP, & LP Personal Care Divisions
 Essex Chemical Corp.
 International Chempack Inc.
 Film Tec Corp.
 United Agriseeds Inc.

JOINT VENTURES:

Dow Corning Corp. 50% (Corning Corp.)
 Dow Elanco (agricultural chemical) DC 50% Eli Lilly & Co. 49%

DESTEC ENERGY ... THE LARGEST US PRODUCER OF COGENERATED POWER ... 72% Dow Chemical

Dow also manufactures insulation, construction materials, i.e., roofing insulation products, cosmetics, anti-perspirants, adhesives, agri-chemicals.

(from Hoovers Handbook of American Business & Corporate Profiles)

CORNING INC.

Corelle	Corning Ware	Micro-Dur	Pyrex
Revere Ware	Serengell	Sfauben	Visions

LAB SERVICES:

Enseco Inc. (Environmental testing)
 G.H. Besselaar Assoc. (Pharmaceutical testing)
 Hazelton Corp. (Life science lab services)
 MetPath Inc. (Clinical testing)
 SciCor Inc. (Clinical research)
 Unilab Corp. owns 50.3%

SELECTED JOINT VENTURES:

Cornetech (Mitsubishi) 50%
 Dow Corning (Dow Chemical) 50%
 Samcor Glass (Sarnitel & Samsung-Corning) 35%
 Pittsburgh Corning 50%
 Samsung-Corning 50%
 *Slecor (Selmens) 50%

*Selmens sponsored CNN's Fire & Fury, last fall.

Info gathered from Hoovers Handbook of American Business

DOW CORNING CORP.

Manufacturers of SILICONES, automotive and furniture polishes and specialty health care products including cosmetics, skin and hair care products and anti-perspirants. Products are sold to multiple industries.

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August 18, 1995

Ms. Karen Guss
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Guss,

My name is Karen May and I spoke with you on August 16, 1995 in regards to the Breast Implant Litigation. Our group leader, Suzette Inman, is presently attending a task force meeting in Birmingham, AL and that is why I am sending all the information that I currently have. Ms. Pat Scholfield will also be faxing you some more information that she has sometime today also.

Ms. Inman will back home on August 19, 1995 and said that she is very anxious and excited to talk with you.

Ms. Laura Johnson, another member of our group, has a very shocking and informative video on the dangers of the breast implants. Ms. Johnson will be mailing a copy of this video to you as soon as possible.

I'm thanking you for myself and also on behalf of the thousands of other suffering implant recipients for your interest and time on this matter.

If you have any further questions or need more information, please contact Ms. Suzette Inman at 615-356-4492.

Respectfully,

Karen May

VIA FASCIMILIE

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Dear :

"Dow Corning has played with the health of thousands of women, withheld information from Congress, and is now attempting to avoid liability for its actions. The time has come to discover the truth, once and for all."

Despite warnings from researchers and scientists that silicone might cause health problems, Dow Corning has persisted in promoting silicone implants for breast augmentation. As a result, thousands of previously healthy women have been left scarred and sick. At hearings in December of 1990, Dow Corning misled the House Committee on Government Operations by testifying that silicone posed no safety problems or health risks. In addition, Dow Corning also refused to provide key documents requested by the committee." Congressman James A. Tranicant, Jr.

The studies which Dow claims shows "no link between breast implants and disease" were funded abundantly by Dow, **none of these studies actually look at women who were sick.** They looked at old records or do telephone interviews at random. They are also using standard criteria for basing conclusions, rather than realizing that this may indeed be a whole new disease process. ...The proclaimed prestigious Mayo study was actually done by trained nurses looking at old records and the study was hopelessly flawed. Dow also did not reveal the implant makers' connection to the Mayo Clinic. (Dow Corning ...\$500,000, McGhan ...\$500,000, Mentor ...\$500,000, Bristol-Meyers Squibb ...\$500,000) Finally, the Mayo study's authors concluded "Our results cannot be considered definitive proof of the absence of an association between breast implants and connective-tissue disease."

In an article entitled "Clinical Research — What Should The Public Believe?", New England Journal of Medicine, July 21, 1994, Marcia Angell, M.D., Editor, warns "...Health-conscious Americans increasingly find themselves beset by contradictory advice. "...Not surprisingly, the existence of all these reports has not escaped the attention of the media." "...Each study becomes a piece of a puzzle that, when assembled, will help either to confirm or to refute a hypothesis." Along the same line of Dr. Angell's concern, it is 'good medicine' to allow big business to pay for this overexposure of only one or two vague studies? Instead, shouldn't the field of Medicine and big business be held accountable for providing *all* the facts to assure truth in the media.

The proclaimed Harvard studies were done by doctors who were paid as expert witnesses for Dow in implant cases. Not only do they buy the researchers and pay for studies, they help fund studies by contributing into the Plastic Surgeon's Education Fund, a key finance source for studies. **Again, the Harvard study looked at old records and not sick women.** In a second Harvard study, the principal researchers recently "stepped down" because they were exposed for their conflict of interest by also being in Dow's pockets as consultants and expert witnesses making \$300 per hour. As a side note, Dow has contributed \$7 million to the hospital where the study was taking place.

Dow and the other manufacturers' multi-million dollar media campaigns are designed to influence potential jurors, deceive physicians and mislead the public. Recent articles by The Associated Press proclaimed, "(2) two studies presented to Rheumatologists show no connection with disease and breast implants." What the article failed to mention was that **(17) seventeen other studies, which were presented, looked at silicone-sick women and found connections to implants.**

In order to avoid a costly class-action suit filed by over 400,000 women, Dow Corning (along with the other implant manufacturers) acknowledged its responsibility by agreeing to an out of court settlement. The women accepted the terms of the settlement in good faith, believing that Dow Corning would honor its end of the agreement. However, after denying the truth of such rumors a year ago, is Dow Corning now attempting to avoid liability for the breast implants by declaring bankruptcy? At the very least, Congress and the Justice Department have a vested interest in determining whether or not Dow Corning entered into a multi-billion dollar legal settlement in good faith.

Dow Corning is trying to use the legal system to renege on the commitment it made to some 400,000 women. This maneuvering has made a mockery of our legal system, and has cheated thousands of women, not only out of good health, but also out of their justified compensation.

This is a national cover-up that only money can buy. Women who have been harmed by implants cannot afford to pay thousands of dollars for national coverage to discount the lies. "The silicone breast implant controversy represents a massive failure of government, industry and medicine to regulate and evaluate medical devices. It also exemplifies the risks posed to all Americans regarding the effects of poor communication, inexcusable indifference and lack of cooperation. In short, the FDA, physicians and industry failed to study and properly address the problems induced by the implantation of silicone implants into the bodies of an estimated 2 million women in the United States."

"Regarding the issue of medical disabilities from silicone disease, it must be acknowledged that women with this illness have a **legitimate medical problem.** Some have severe disability and cannot work. Government, insurance companies and the health care profession need to face up to this reality and to address the issues of disability and medical reimbursement for treatment fairly."

¹ Frank B. Vasey, M.D. & Josh Feldstein, *The Silicone Breast Implant Controversy*

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("Bien" in Spanish)

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August 1995

URGENT NEWS:**August 30TH Deadline For A Renegotiated Settlement...****WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?**

If you haven't heard yet, Judge Pointer has taken a drastic step towards the resolution of the breast implant settlement. He set an August 30th deadline for the Plaintiffs and Defendants to come to an agreement of a renegotiated settlement. He has said that if they do not come to an agreement, he will decide whether the settlement should proceed at all, or he will set a second opt-out date. **EITHER OF THESE ACTIONS COULD MEAN A DEVASTATING DELAY** to the resolution of the settlement.

(According to sources who reported from Washington, on Monday, August 14 there may be some late breaking news, **BUT PLEASE**, take it with a grain of salt...

...If it concerns an amount of additional proposed funding, understand that because of the huge amount of Current Claims (please read Ann Cochran Projections) it could take an estimated \$28 billion to pay claims even at 50% of the grid amounts. They have also suggested taking off some of the grid areas and putting them into a forgoing claims status. These are major changes and must all be taken very seriously. Also, according to stipulations in the settlement, these changes would be followed in 30 days by more fairness hearings. We all want this situation to be **FAIR and FINAL**. Please call the settlement Hot-line over the next week for updates (1-800-887-6828). Remember, we've "been there, done that" down this road before... The settlement will not be final **UNTIL THE MONEY IS IN THE BANK & THE**

CLAIMS PROCESS IS COMPLETE! PLEASE READ ON.)

Ann Cochran Projections

(The following is an excerpt from latest CTN newsletter reprinted by permission):

In June, Ann Cochran, the Claims Administrator of the settlement, released projections of grid amounts for Current Claimants. These projections were based on an evaluation of a random sample of 3000 forms.

According to the report, there may be 96,000 potential domestic current claimants. Several thousand of these will be deferred to future years as ongoing claimants because their claims will contain **MAJOR** deficiencies.

As many as 70,000 current claims may have to be paid out of the \$1.2 billion designated for this purpose. However, it is expected that 50,000 of those claims will have **MINOR** deficiencies which will need to be corrected by the claimants should still receive a letter explaining the actions they need to take.

THE BOTTOM LINE: If all 50,000 claims with minor deficiencies are corrected and submitted on a timely basis, there will be a 95% reduction in the grid amounts (a \$200, 000 claim would be reduced to \$10,000)

This is the estimate of possible reductions **WITHOUT** the benefit of renegotiation. The estimates are very discouraging and unacceptable, but the data does not reflect the amount that

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THE JERICHO PLAN

We have an urgent request for our group members. The settlement is in a very serious status. We are facing drastic changes in the Current Claim categories, then there are the implications of DOW filing Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, and finally the millions of dollars the Manufacturer's are spending on a massive and extremely negative PR tactics. Over the past month, a core group of our now 300 B.I. E.N. members have devised a plan to counteract these effects with an end goal of **GETTING THE ATTENTION BACK ON THE REAL ISSUE** — there are sick women and children who desperately need medical care and treatment, along with the emphasis everybody keeps alluding too— Money. Money not frivolous in nature, but to be used for very serious purposes: To assure proper medical attention, to pay off mountains of already accumulated medical bills and to help cope with disabilities that have kept many from working at all.

WE NEED TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS NOW FOR A FAIR SETTLEMENT, RESEARCH AND MEDICAL ADVANCES TOWARD TREATMENT AND PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS!

We need to voice our concerns **NOW**, to counteract the misconstrued, misinterpreted and very misguided reports that Dow and the other defendants are spoon feeding to the media. (please read section on Pen Power Versus...).

We will be part of a national group **RALLYING** the women of MDL 926,

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 their families, friends and supporters
TO UNITE TOGETHER NOW, before
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 Pointer makes his decision. The plan
 has been developed, The Jericho Plan
 (attached) to combine the efforts of
ALL the women of MDL 926 across the
 country, possibly across the globe.
 This plan puts us **ALL** in the driver's
 seat of a National campaign.
TOGETHER, with the rest of the
 support groups across the U.S. we will
ALL make an impact that could not be
 equalled on a group by group basis.
 This combined effort, The Jericho
 Plan, when followed through, calls
 for literally **THOUSANDS OF**
WOMEN TO VOICE THEIR
CONCERNS to the same entities and
 organizations on the same day for
ONE WEEK STRAIGHT. Seven
 days of **CALLING & FAXING** to a
STRATEGIC LIST of Health
 Organizations, Government Officials,
 Government Agencies,
 Manufacturers of Implants and
 Major Media and Syndicated News
 Networks. This effort will end on the
 seventh day with a call for organized
 marches on both the local & national;
 level. **This entire campaign has been**
laid out on the included inserts.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT
IS THE TIMING... THE JERICO
PLAN BEGINS AUGUST 24TH!

This plan gives us **SEVEN DAYS TO**
DIVERT THE ATTENTION AWAY
FROM DOW and the **OTHER**
MANUFACTURERS and **HIGH-**
PAID NEGATIVE-PRESS
EFFORTS and put the **EMPHASIS**
BACK ON THE REAL ISSUES.
 Please call if you need clarification of
 any of the points outlined.

Also you will find a "SAMPLE
DIALOG" and a "SAMPLE
LETTER FOR FAXING" attached,
 but *feel free to compose your own and*
include your own concerns.

(Ann Cochran Projections Continued from page
 claimants would receive if a restructured
 settlement is reached with the settling
 defendants.

FROM THE PLAINTIFFS' NEGOTIATING TEAM

"An automatic ratchet of this
 magnitude is unacceptable to the
 Plaintiff's Negotiators, and we are
 cautiously optimistic that a revised
 settlement will be reached that will be
 fair to the claimants.

"As you know, it was always
 anticipated that there would have to be
 further negotiation with the defendants
 to extract more money beyond the
 available \$4.2 billion to fund claims in
 the Global Settlement. The agreement
 itself provides for such (negotiations).
 In light of anticipated shortfalls, Judge
 Pointer invoked that provision of the
 settlement agreement approximately two
 months ago. Since that time, the
 Plaintiff's Negotiating Team (PNT) has
 been engaged in intensive negotiations
 with the defendants in an attempt to gain
 substantially more money and to
 restructure the agreement in a manner
 that is fair and equitable to all claimants.
 Although the needs are great, we are
 optimistic that we can produce such an
 agreement."

- A copy of the message from Judge Pointer and Judge Cochran can be requested by calling 800-600-0311. Listen to the message by calling 800-887-6828.
- A recorded voice message from the Plaintiffs' Negotiating Team via voicemail. Call 800-960-6784.

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS & INFO:

- Class Counsel 513-651-9770
- Lupus Foundation 800-558-0121
- Scleroderma 800-441-CURE
- FDA's 24-hour Breast Implant Information Line 800-532-4440
- FDA Breast Implant Information Package 301-443-3170

If you have questions or need help call:

- **B.I.E.N. (Suzette Inman, Founder)**
 **615-356-4492**
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 Sharon 615-646-5890

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DOW CORNING Bankruptcy

(Reprint by permission CTN newsletter)

On May 15, Dow Corning Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, blaming their action on the demands made by those who have opted out of the global settlement and on the delay in receiving \$1.5 billion in funds from Dow's insurance carriers (In Re: Dow Corning Corp., Debtor, No. 95-20512, Eastern District Michigan, Bankruptcy, Northern Division). Chapt 11 bankruptcy allows a company to reorganize and continue operating its business, and also stops all actions against the company.

Dow Corning chairman and chief executive officer, Richard A. Hazelton, said that with this move the company hopes to safeguard Dow's contribution to the settlement, but that there is more concern "since many are calling for ... billions of more dollars" for the global settlement fund.

...We are hopeful that this bankruptcy will not have an adverse effect on the Global Settlement. In fact a successful Dow bankruptcy **COULD** actually benefit the settlement because Dow's contribution may be based on the worth of the company and not on the whims of its negotiators. **CTN CAUTIONS: Devious**

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BIEN

MORE OF THE SAME: Cover-up, Investigations & Hype

(Dow Bankruptcy Continued from page 2)
maneuvering by certain implant defendants poses a **REAL THREAT** to any final and just resolution of the breast implant issue.

Dow Chemical • Dow Corning
POSSIBLE COLLUSION
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION
(More from CTN from a great newsletter and excellent coverage of the issues)

...As you know, in April Judge Pointer ruled that Dow Chemical may be sued on the theory of (direct liability). Dow Chemical is now trying to use an April 19th, U.S. Supreme Court ruling (Siltex v. Edwards), to halt all implant litigation against it because of Dow Corning's bankruptcy proceedings and Dow Chemical's cross claim against the potentially bankrupt company.

Related issues involve allegations that the companies withheld information before Congressman Ted Weiss. (BIEN note: Weiss' untimely death was part of an investigation on Capitol Hill, an unexpected heart attack) Congress was refused access to the company's silicone research information which has since come to light. Testimony given under oath, that breast implants were safe, apparently contradicts obtained information.

In light of these allegations, the Congressional Committee on Government Oversight and Reform has been requested by Congressman James Traficant, Jr. and fifteen other members of Congress, to investigate, 1) whether the companies deliberately misled Congress, and 2) whether they secretly agreed to manipulate federal law as to avoid responsibility. (BIEN note: one member of congress who co-signed Traficant's request was our own Harold E. Ford, D-TENN, Yeah Ford!)

...Hundreds of thousands of American women had breast implant surgery

Excerpts From U.S. Rep James A. Traficant, Jr.— Press Conference
Reprinted with permission: Thanks to Silicone Scene Newsletter

Dow Corning has played with the health of thousands of women, withheld information from Congress, and now is attempting to avoid liability for its actions. The time has come to discover the truth, once and for all."

*James A. Traficant, Jr.
Member of Congress*

under the mistaken impression that silicone breast implants posed no health hazards. We now know that silicone in the system does pose a serious and significant threat to human health - and that Dow Corning was aware of these health threats as long ago as 1950. At the time Dow Corning entered into a \$4.2 billion dollar settlement with some 400,000 women in April 1994 it denied rumors of a bankruptcy filing. These women agreed to bypass the court

system and entered into a settlement in good faith, under the impression that Dow Corning would fully honor the agreement. Many of these women are seriously ill - they gave up their right to sue Dow Corning - and now may get nothing! That's just not right...

Please write to Traficant and THANK HIM FOR HIS SUPPORT, he has stated that he "intends to keep pressing until these questions are answered in full." Let's do no less than the same.

James A. Traficant, Jr.
2446 Raburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Money pays for supplies, postage, etc., BUT when I can't go any longer because I am feeling ill and exhausted, the entire group suffers. Please call to volunteer to help. Any way you think you can! Suzette (615) 356-4492 (Bellevue)

PEN POWER/PHONE POWER VERSUS DOLLAR POWER FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

(another great CTN story!)

"E xcept for the power of the pen," one plaintiff's attorney recently wrote, I am no match for these manufacturers, with their billions in assets and tens of millions to spend funding studies and tens of millions more to spend on public relations."

Manufacturers are spending a great deal of money on direct and indirect funding of faulty studies as evidenced by the Mayo Clinic chart review and the Harvard Medical School nurses questionnaire report.

Manufacturers are likewise sparing no expense on public relations. High-powered PR firm, The Dilenschneider Group, Inc., has been hired to perform damage control on Dow Corning's tarnished image. Dilenschneider is and has been applying heavy-handed tactics to control and manipulate the press. Reliable sources speculate that Dow Chemical is paying the expenses.

Every effort is made to provide accurate and reliable information. All medical & legal decisions should be made with the advice of your own professionals. B.I.E.N. bears no responsibility for errors or omissions. Opinions, except reprints, are those of the author, Suzanne Inman.

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B.I.E.N. Breast Implant Education Network

Our name *is* our goal... To Educate and get Well ("*Bien*" in Spanish)

-URGENT-

Dear Support Group Leader(s):

We have an urgent request for you and your group members. As you know, Judge Pointer has given an ultimatum to the Plaintiffs and Defendants in MDL 926 of coming to an agreement of a renegotiated settlement by August 30, 1995. If the parties fail to do this, then Judge Pointer will either call an end to the settlement - or- initiate a 2nd opt-out period. (Please call 1-800-887-6828 for updates) **EITHER OF THESE ACTIONS could mean a DEVASTATING DELAY to the resolution of the Breast Implant situation. WE NEED TO LET THEM KNOW WE ARE STILL OUT HERE BY VOICING OUR CONCERN NOW!**

We are requesting, **PLEADING** that the women of MDL 926, their families, friends and supporters **UNITE TOGETHER NOW**, before the negotiations are over and Judge Pointer makes his decision. A plan has been developed, The Jericho Plan (attached) to combine the efforts of **ALL** the women of MDL 926 across the country, possibly across the globe. This plan puts us **ALL** in the drivers seat of a National campaign. You and your group decide what impact **YOU** will make. **TOGETHER**, we will **ALL** make an impact that could never be measured on a group by group basis. **This COMBINED EFFORT would mean literally THOUSANDS OF WOMEN VOICING THEIR CONCERN to the SAME ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS on THE SAME DAY for ONE WEEK STRAIGHT. Seven days of CALLING & FAXING to a STRATEGIC LIST of Health Organizations, Government Officials, Government Agencies, Consumer Advocate Groups, Manufacturers of Implants and Major Media and Syndicated News Networks. This effort will end on THE SEVENTH DAY WITH ORGANIZED MARCHES on both the LOCAL and NATIONAL levels. This entire campaign has been laid out on the following pages. All that needs to be done now is to notify our groups by mail or group meetings. This doesn't leave much leeway, we have about a week to get the plan out to our members.**

THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THE TIMING... THE JERICHO PLAN BEGINS AUGUST 23RD!

This plan gives us seven days to divert the attention away from DOW and the other manufacturers and their high paid negative press efforts and put the **EMPHASIS BACK ON THE REAL ISSUES.** Please call if you need clarification of any of the points outlined.

MAJOR MEDIA/NEWS NETWORKS

AUGUST 28: DAY FIVE MONDAY

ORGANIZATION	ASK FOR:	PHONE #:	FAX #:
CNN	TED TURNER'S OFC.	404-827-1500	404-681-3578
C-SPAN	HEALTH CORRESP.	202-737-3220	
ABC: 20/20	EXEC PRODUCER'S OFC	212-456-1000	
60 MINUTES/CBS	EXEC PRODUCER'S OFC	212-975-3248	404-607-9105
TODAY SHOW: NBC	EXEC. PRODUCER'S OFC	212-664-4249	
NBC: DATELINE	EXEC PRODUCER: NEIL SCHAPIRO	212-664-3385	212-664-4773 7864

CALL YOUR LOCAL NETWORKS/NEWSPAPER/RADIO STATION
ASK FOR THE NEWS DEPARTMENT: NEWS DIRECTOR/ EDITOR - OR - HEALTH REPORTER - OR - PRODUCER OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO SPEAKS OUT FOR FAMILY/CONSUMER RIGHTS & PRODUCT SAFETY

Jessica etc man ch. 5 244-9883 rose man

NOTE regarding Manf: They will ask if they can record your conversation. If you don't feel comfortable, JUST SAY NO! ch. 5

THE MANUFACTURERS

AUGUST 29: DAY SIX TUESDAY

ORGANIZATION	ASK FOR:	PHONE #:	FAX #:
DOW CORNING CORP	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-442-5442	
BIOPLASTY, INC.	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-328-9105	
MCGHAN MEDICAL INC.	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-525-9151	805-967-5839
MENTOR CORPORATION	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-235-5731 1-800-525-6747	
CUI CORPORATION	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-872-4749	
BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-323-4533	
SURGITEK	CONSUMER AFFAIRS	1-800-634-4397	

SHOUT!

AUGUST 30: DAY SEVEN WEDNESDAY

WOMEN all over the globe, the time has come to peacably, with dignity STAND TOGETHER. BRING your BEST FRIEND, YOUR MOM, your FAMILY TO HELP YOU. WE WILL NOT BE SHAMED INTO SILENCE.

CALL THE MEDIA AND MEET AT YOUR LOCAL FEDERAL BLDG (10 A.M.)

SHOUT! THE WALL OF INJUSTICE IS COMING DOWN!

Bring posters or signs, get the facts from the Fax letter or use your own style. No sticks or poles. We don't need a permit as long as we are on the sidewalk, not blocking people and remain peaceful. (CALM SHOUTING!) Call your group leader for exact time & place!

JOSH 6:20 ... a at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed...

We are calling for the truth, we are calling for respect, and we are calling for the walls of injustice to come tumbling down!

**** (PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LETTER FOR FAXING. IT DETAILS THE FACTS and will HELP YOU, YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO BE CONFIDENT IN YOUR SUPPORT.)**

****SAMPLE DIALOG:** ("Ask For" person...) "Hello, I'm calling to voice my concern about the very serious status of the Breast Implant litigation. I am calling you because you deal with issues that affect the welfare of people's lives. This issue is the future of 440,000 women and children, some seriously ill now, others who may still face serious illness. If a FAIR renegotiated settlement is not reached by August 30th, the American people and the taxpayers may be held liable for the inexcusable indifference of a few private corporations. We are all calling for your action now.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

AUGUST 24TH: DAY ONE WEDNESDAY

ORGANIZATION	ASK FOR:	PHONE #:	FAX #:
PRES. WILLIAM J. CLINTON	PRES. CLINTON'S OFC. or PRESS SEC: MICHAEL MCCURRY Karen Guss	202-456-1111 202-456-2100 202 456-2216	202-456-2461 202-456-2380 202-1421
VICE PRES. AL GORE	VICE PRES. GORE/OFC	202-456-1111	202-456-2461
ATTY. GEN. JANET RENO	ATTY. GEN. OFC	202-514-2000	
HOUSE GOVT. REFORM & OVERSIGHT COMM.	CHAIRMAN: WM. F. CLINGER	202-225-5074	202-225-3974
CONSUMER PROD SAFETY COMMIS. COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION	CHAIRPERSON: ANN BROWN ASST. EXEC. DIR.: DAVID SCHMELTZER	301-504-0500 301-504-0621	301-504-0124 301-504-0359
OFFICE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	DIR.: JOHN H. GIBBONS	202-456-7116	

TO MAKE THIS PLAN WORK, PLEASE CALL AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS! But Even better, call all! This is our chance to BE HEARD. MANY ARE HOPING THIS WHOLE SITUATION WILL JUST GO AWAY. WE KNOW IT WON'T. WE NEED TO LET THEM KNOW WE ARE HURTING, WE'RE TIRED, BUT... WE WILL STAND TOGETHER UNTIL THERE IS A FAIR RESOLUTION, FOR US, AND OUR NEXT GENERATION. WE HAVE THE FACTS, WE KNOW THEM PERSONALLY, IT'S TIME THEY DID.

HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS PUBLICATIONS &

AUGUST 25: DAY TWO
FRIDAY

ORGANIZATION	ASK FOR	PHONE #	FAX #:
DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS	SECTY DONNA SHALALA PRESS OFFICE	202-619-0257 202-690-7000 202-690-6344	
FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION	COMMISSIONER DAVID KESSLER	301-443-2410	301-443-3100
FDA: MEDICAL DEVICES	DIR. DR. BRUCE BURLINGTON	301-443-4690	301-594-1320
FDA: CONSUMER AFFAIRS	ASSOC COMISS ALEXANDER GRANT	301-443-5006	301-443-9767
NATIONAL INST. OF HEALTH	DIR. DR. MONTAN PINN (Women's Health Issues)	301-402-1770	301-402-1798
AM. SOC. OF PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	CHAIRMAN	800-635-0635	
AM. ACADEMY OF COSMETIC SURGERY	CHAIRMAN'S OFC	800-221-9808	
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION	CHAIRMAN'S OFC	800-283-7800	

SEE 95-96 REF BOOK FROM LIBRARY: CONGRESSIONAL QRTL
WASHINGTON INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Contact the TOP OFFICIALS FROM YOUR STATE!

Or try this:

*To send a FREE TELEGRAM to your senators & the President
call 1-800-70-JUSTICE (1-800-705-8784)

(# taken from Feb/Mar CTN Newsletter)

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LT. GOVERNOR JOHN S. WILDER 615-741-2368 615-741-9349
SECTY OF STATE RILEY DARNELL 615-741-2819 615-741-5962
ATTY. GENERAL CHARLES BURSON 615-741-3491
CONGRESSMAN BOB CLEMENT 202-225-4311 202-226-1035
U.S. SENATOR FRED THOMPSON 202-224-4944 202-228-3679
U.S. SENATOR BILL FRIST 202-224-3344
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BOYCOTT

AUGUST 26: DAY THREE
SATURDAY

DOW SHALL NOT KILL

Get out and SPREAD THE TRUTH. SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.
Your friends, neighbors and family may not know that THIS IS NO NEW
NEWS! Dow has preyed on society for 50 years...
...WITH NO REGRETS!

DOW'S CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY:

Atom Bomb

Agent Orange

Pesticides such as Dursban and DDT

Bendectin (morning sickness medication that caused deformities in babies)

Silicone Breast Implants

GET OUT YOUR FLYER (ATTACHED), MAKE COPIES NOW AND POST THEM
ANYWHERE YOU CAN - OR - PUT A STACK OUT IN AREAS WHERE CONSUMERS
CAN FIND THEM.

CALL THE COMPETITION OF THE PRODUCTS LISTED ON THE FLYER, ASK FOR
COUPONS... THEY'LL BE HAPPY TO SEND THEM!

(Here's one for good measure) GLAD-LOCK (FIRST BRAND) 203-731-2300

(They are very willing to comply!)

For more information please call: Louise Romans (407) 699-0849

Thanks Lousie and all those who work so hard to take a stand.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

AUGUST 27: DAY FOUR SUNDAY

- PRAY FOR EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY FOR THE VERY SICK, THE CHILDREN & for OUR FAMILIES who are trying so hard to understand
- PRAY FOR AGGRESSIVE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT TO BE A REALITY
- PRAY FOR MORE DOCTORS WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP US AND OUR CHILDREN GET WELL
- PRAY FOR JUSTICE AND A FAIR SETTLEMENT
- PRAY FOR THE FACTS TO BE HEARD
- PRAY THAT ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS & OFFICIALS LISTED WILL LISTEN & HEAR THE TRUTH & SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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ATTENTION CONSUMERS!



WILL YOU BE NEXT?

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DOW CHEMICAL and DOW CORNING and DOW BRANDS and CORNING INC., have had a long history of harming innocent victims with their products. They have ignored all the rules by which responsible manufacturers abide. It is apparent they hold human life in low regard and have no conscience about leaving our country's welfare, medical and social security system to foot the bill for the damage they have created. In the end, it is the American taxpayer who picks up the tab for these debts.

Despite **DOW CORNING'S BANKRUPTCY**, they have spent and continue to spend **TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS (\$\$\$\$)** on **BOGUS STUDIES** and **SLICK PUBLIC RELATIONS TACTICS**.

Yesterday it was Agent Orange, today its Breast Implants, tomorrow it's a product you may be using. We must protect the health of our families (men, women and children).

DEMAND INFORMED CONSENT AND SAFE PRODUCTS!

Consumers put the \$ in Dow's pocket!

We ask your support to **BOYCOTT** Dow Brands.

Please DO NOT buy: Zip Lock Baggies / Handi-wrap Plastic Wrap / Dow Bath Scrub Cleaner / Fantastic / Corning Glassware

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