Would you be kind enough to reach your own opinion in this matter on the basis of the forwarded material and to inform us through Mr. Culver about it.

We are preparing a list of all Universities, Libraries, scientific personalities and organizations which have been subscribers of our literature. It might be helpful to appraise the support we enjoy in the public.

I would like to add that I am an ardent fighter for civil liberties, and, therefore, a member of the Civil Liberties Union.

Gordially,

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.
When our inspectors visited the Orgone Press for information they were referred to you. Consequently, I am requesting the privilege of visiting that organization for the purpose of securing information concerning distribution of Orgone magazines and books.

In our telephone conversation we discussed briefly the Government's desire to secure the loan of accumulators. You mentioned certain qualifications, such as your client's desire for a joint examination. To this we, of course, cannot agree. We have been refused such loan by one or two holders of these devices on much the same basis. Hence, I am now making application to you on behalf of the Government for the loan, without qualification, of two Model B and two Model O devices for testing purposes.

Respectfully,

W. H. H. Whittier, chief, Eastern District

ORGONE INSTITUTE RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.
A Non-Profit Research Institution

December 3, 1947

To All Users of the Orgone Accumulator

Dear Friend:

The Food and Drug Administration is in charge of investigating all devices which go out into the public and deal with health. This is, of course, a very important and necessary function of society. Unfortunately, there is so much swindling around in the realm of health measures, especially in sexual matters, that the officers of the Administration find it difficult to distinguish between our work and pornography and vice. Therefore, they began the investigation of the orgone accumulator with the suspicion of vice.

We would like to assure you that we refused to conform with the unjustified request of the investigators to give them the names of the subscribers to our literature and the users of the orgone accumulator. By some means, not our fault, they got hold of some names. We have, of course, nothing to hide, but since some of these investigators are unable to distinguish between medical attempts to establish a healthy love life and pornographic vice, we cannot cooperate with them, as we did, fully and eagerly in the beginning. We shall cooperate again to the fullest extent with this administration, as soon as we are sure that they have stopped this type of investigation which is damaging to the reputation of this laboratory as well as yours. An investigation under such suspicion in itself is sufficient to do damage, human structures and ways of thinking being what they are.

Would you be kind enough, in case an investigator should come to you, to cooperate with him to the utmost as far as information about your experiences with the orgone accumulator are concerned. But we would like to advise you to refuse to answer any questions concerning your private or sexual life, because this is not within the realm of their investigation.
The orgone accumulator does not, as you well know, create sexual excitement, but it solely increases the general biological energy level of the organism. It cannot provide orgasmic potency as the slanderous article by Miss Brady in the "New Republic" of May 28th, 1947, maliciously stated. Unfortunately, this wrong statement was taken over blindly by irresponsible writers in other publications.

We would appreciate it highly if you would cooperate with the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc. in this matter, in the interest of safeguarding the possibilities for human health by means of the orgone accumulator. We wish to assure you that we shall protect you and your moral and personal integrity to the utmost and by all legal means at our disposal as citizens of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

ORGONE RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.

Admin. Ass't. Director
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Quite formally, I have written to you the names of people who use accumulators, in particular for names of people who had returned accumulators. In this connection I was very urgent in trying to get me here to use our correspondence files, I refused on the ground that many people obtain accumulators for medical purposes and were entitled to privacy in this matter, and on the ground that I had no authority to give them such names. Since the accumulators were not handled by the Press, Mr. Wharton should not have tried to block the correspondence files. Again, it would seem from Mr. Gain's urging in trying to get names of people who had returned accumulators, that his interest was not in finding out the reactions of people who use accumulators, but in finding the reaction of people who might be dissatisfied, which is hardly a fair way to proceed in making an investigation.

I challenge Mr. W. R. Wharton, Chief of the Eastern District of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, to whose orders these investigators worked, to explain what connection there is between the following questions asked by his investigators, and the organ accumulators: "How long have you worked at the Press?" "Why did you come to work here?" "What special training did you have for this job?" "Were you employed here before your present job?" "What is she doing now?" "Are you sure you live here?" "Does he come home late?" "In the evenings or at night?" "What is your home address and phone number?"

Since Dr. Reich comes down here, does he talk to you (Miss Haskin) about nothing but the weather? Mr. Wharton's investigators were not able to explain the relevancy of these questions, but said vaguely that they just wanted to get a general picture of the whole set-up.

Perhaps Mr. Wharton can also explain why these investigators did not call on the Orgone Institute for information about the accumulators when I repeatedly told them that accumulators were produced and distributed by the Institute and asked by the Press, and that they could get full information from the Institute. Here, again, it would seem that the investigation was conducted through the back door. Mr. Wharton convinced that the best way to get information about a scientific institution is to go everywhere except a scientific institution. Mr. Wharton has no grounds for believing that the Institute is not willing to answer questions about the accumulator freely, frankly and honestly, what are these grounds for inquiry rather than the investigators who visited them. What is the best way of the investigations? That this was not a sinister effort to find out what the accumulator is and how it is used, but an effort to try to discover something stimulating. A man is innocent and not guilty, according to the law, but Mr. Wharton's investigators seem only interested in establishing some kind of guilt, though they know not for what kind of guilt they were looking.

I repeat that these two men persisted all through the day in trying to make me agree to their assumptions, my word to the contrary, that there was no connection between Basic Books and the Press other than the fact that they were involved in handling the case. If we publish books other than those I have shown them; that Dr. Wolfe draws a salary from the Institute, etc. If Mr. Wharton has any grounds for suspecting that the Press or the Institute are instructing their employees to lie, or that the Institute would not give freely and honestly any relevant information concerning the organ accumulator, the exequacious methods of his investigators might be suspected. Since Mr. Wharton has no grounds for such suspicions, he has no grounds for conducting such a roundabout, unfair investigation which slander the Press and the Institute by its implications.

December 4, 1947

Mr. W. R. Wharton, Chief
Food and Drug Administration
Room 1200 - 201 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

Re: Dr. Wilhelm Reich

Dear Mr. Wharton:

I have your letter of December 1st. Both we and our client realize the necessity of having a Food and Drug Administration to check on the possibilities of these medicines and the like, in order to protect the public. The main objection which Dr. Reich has to your investigators is that your men have not interviewed those persons questioned that in the opinion of the Food and Drug Administration, the Orgone Accumulator is a pornographic device of no value except for immoral purposes.

Whatever you may think of Dr. Reich and his work, we wish to make it clear that there is absolutely no connection between Dr. Reich's opinions on the subject of sex and the Orgone Accumulator. The latter has absolutely no value as a means of inducing sexual potency or the like.

Concerning your request for two Model B and two Model O Accumulators, I shall take this up with Dr. Reich and shall indicate that in my opinion these devices should be turned over to you for investigation.

As to your requests for the names and addresses of patients treated by Dr. Reich, I am not sure that we are at liberty to disclose this information. While I have not checked the law recently, it is my recollection that where a doctor has set forth the nature and extent of the ailments from which his patient is suffering, he is not at liberty to disclose the name and address of that patient without the latter's consent. In other words, the privilege is that of the patient and not of the physician. Nevertheless, I shall communicate your request to Mr. Reich and if he is willing to take the responsibility of giving you this information, I shall not object. Also, if I find that the communications are not privileged, I shall advise him of this too.

Yours very truly,

HAYS, ST. JOHN, ABRAMSON & SCHULMAN

By
December 5, 1947

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of the
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Dear Dr. Reich:

I enclose a letter received from the Food and Drug Administration. I have also written them that the law prohibits us from giving them the answer to the question as to the names and addresses of the various patients referred to in your books. As you can see, they also ask for two models of the Accumulator. It is my idea that I should talk to them in an effort to have them discuss the matter with you in advance, or accept the Accumulators together with full directions for use, or any other means by which you believe they should have it. I do not see how we can avoid turning these over to them. The fact that no claims are made as to the Accumulator's curative powers makes it impossible for them to hold you for violation of any statute so far as I can ascertain.

Miss Hellström advised me this morning that a former employee of the Food and Drug Administration had told her that the violation of which they will accuse you is that you transported a medical device in interstate commerce without a license. I am unable to find any law of the United States or any state requiring such a license. I even discussed the matter with the Food and Drug Administration without giving you any action, and they have advised me that there is no such law. Under the circumstances, I believe that the statement enclosed in the enclosed letter are the ones they really want and indicate that they are interested in finding out whether the Accumulator has any value as a cure for cancer or whether you make any claims that it does.

Yours very truly,

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#16 COLLIERS

Dr. Reich claims he has discovered the "orgone," the cosmic energy. The orgone is theoretically an invisible blue stuff and the orgone accumulator can lick anything from cancer to the common cold, according to Dr. Reich. Reich has been denounced by Freud and expelled from psychoanalytical societies. This is a frame up, he says.

For release Monday, December 8 or after.

Statement of Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe, Editor, The Annals of the Orgone Institute;

President, Orgone Institute Press.

To: Dr. Wilhelm Reich

Until this time, Wilhelm Reich has not made any statements about his work to the general press. Reports on this work have appeared in scientific publications.

Now, however, because misinformation has been published in popular magazines, it becomes necessary to make an effort to present a correction. All the more so, since as they now stand, some of these statements raise false hopes among sick people, particularly sufferers from cancer.

On December 6, COLLIERS magazine, in an article on page 24, included three paragraphs with the following statements of misinformation, which I now correct:

Wilhelm Reich did not, as COLLIERS states, "come to the village in 1940," He arrived in the U. S. in 1939, and moved his laboratory from Oslo, Norway to Forest Hills, N. Y., where he has lived and worked ever since.

Wilhelm Reich was on the teaching staffs of psychoanalytical societies in Vienna and Berlin, and taught at the Psychological Institute of the University of Oslo from 1934 to 1939.

In Oslo he also established his first bone and cancer research laboratory.


He came to the U. S. on the invitation of the New School for Social Research in New York City, as Associate Professor of Medical Psychology, and lectured there between 1939 and 1941.

It is correct that Wilhelm Reich discovered the orgone energy. It is not correct, however, that as COLLIERS stated, "the orgone is theoretically an invisible blue stuff"; on the contrary, his experiments have made it visible. Its blue color...
Wilhelm Reich's work with neurotic individuals led him more and more in the direction of biological energy which in psychoanalysis had been called "psychic" energy or "libido." Bio-electrical laboratory experiments conducted by Wilhelm Reich showed that this biological energy is not identical with electro-magnetic energy but is identical with an energy which he later found to be functioning not only in living organisms but in nature in general. This is the energy which Wilhelm Reich termed orgone. It was discovered in 1939 in the Norway laboratories, and experimental orgone research has been going on ever since. The Orgone Institute was founded in Forest Hills in 1942, and in 1945 the research activities were incorporated in the non-profit Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc., of which Wilhelm Reich is Director. Wilhelm Reich's main activities, besides orgone research, are the training of physicians and teachers in orgone biophysics.

It was found that the orgone existing in the atmosphere can be concentrated in a cabinet of simple construction which Reich has called the orgone accumulator. Such accumulators have been used in experimental orgone therapy, first with animals and later with humans. The biological effect of the orgone accumulator is based on the fact that it charges the organism with atmospheric orgone, the concentration of which in the accumulator is several times higher than that in the atmosphere. The results of this experimental therapy have been published from time to time in the International Journal of Sexology and Orgone Research.

COILLERS erroneously states: "The orgone and the accumulator can lick anything from cancer to the common cold, according to Dr. Reich." 

Wilhelm Reich has never made any such claim. On the contrary, he has warned repeatedly and emphatically in his publications against considering the orgone or the orgone accumulator a cure-all and has also repeatedly emphasized the experimental nature of orgone therapy.

Wilhelm Reich does not, as COILLERS states, rent accumulators to patients. The accumulators are rented by the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc. The income from the accumulators does not go to any individual but to the Orgone Research Fund, and pays for only a small fraction of the cost of orgone research.

It is not correct, as COILLERS states, that Wilhelm Reich has been denounced by Freud, either in writing or speech.

Nor is it correct, as COILLERS states, that Wilhelm Reich has been "expelled from psychoanalytical societies." The fact is that in 1934 the German Psychoanalytical Society, a member group of the International Psychoanalytical Association, under pressure from the Nazi movement, asked him to withdraw his name from their list. Reich later declined the offer of the Norwegian Psychoanalytical Society to rejoin the International Psychoanalytical Association through this group.


See also the notation under Reich, in AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE, 1944 edition.
Dear Mr. Culver:

I just received your letter together with the copy of the letter from the Food and Drug Administration to you. There are several wrong assumptions in this letter:

1) I do not believe that the orgone energy, a basic new energy, has factually anything to do with either foods, drugs or cosmetics. Therefore, I personally do not believe that this agency is practically or theoretically equipped to reach a rational and proper conclusion in regard to orgone energy if it does not wish to cooperate with a physician from the corporation. Does, for instance, this government agency control the distribution of experimentation of radioactive isotopes? The orgone energy falls into a realm close to atomic energy.

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3) The Corporation does not "distribute the device to cancer patients". The device is distributed almost exclusively to people who are under the care of their physicians. There are also patients suspected of developing cancer among them.

4) Whatever material is publishable of my orgone experiments in a responsible manner, has been published. I have nothing to add to that. The forthcoming book "The Cancer Biopathy" contains all the material which I, as a medical research man, am ready to submit to the public.
Mr. Culver

I am sure that our doctors and officers will be only too glad to cooperate with the Government in every respect if the above mentioned conditions of a fair investigation are fulfilled.

Unfortunately, there are many good reasons to assume that the investigation is not being conducted on a rational basis. It is beyond my power to see what interests may be behind all this. But should such a letter not be forthcoming from the Administration, then we would have to put in an injunction against this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.
Lowen's name was the only one mentioned in the interview, although he did ask me how I had become interested in your work. I responded by saying that some friends and several classmates of mine had introduced me. No names were mentioned—and finally he admitted that his personal questions were not fair ones, so we dropped the matter at that point.

One thing I did emphasize over and over again to him—that he should go directly to you; that you would be glad to discuss the matter with him.

He asked me what I thought of your work generally and I saw no good reason for evading the question, so I answered by saying:

"In my opinion, Dr. Reich is doing a significant piece of work, a work which may be of tremendous value to society. I felt that this statement was general enough and yet at the same time, indicative of what I personally feel to be the truth, to be quite adequate under the circumstances.

You may be interested to hear of one reaction—upon examination of the accumulator, the investigator felt of one wall, noting that there were no wires or bulks or other mysterious appendages and then remarked: "I wonder what is in between the tin and the wallboard." I rather expected to see a screw-driver or chisel at that point. This, of course, is quite indicative of the inability of most persons in our society to comprehend the simplicity of the fundamentals in life.

All in all, I might add, that this experience, though not totally free from personal anxiety of some degree, has been of valuable one to me. You can well understand the position I am in by virtue of my profession—and of course I did feel my own security and that of my family threatened—but this experience, I am happy to testify, has only served to confirm my faith in the soundness and profundity of your insights.

Incidentally, every since the terrible fires in Maine last Fall, I have often wondered if your laboratories there were damaged in any manner. I hope not.

I think probably this is all of any consequence to report.

I hope that I have succeeded in co-operating in accordance with the standards which you are maintaining.

Sincerely yours,
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"Orgone Accumulator" December 9, 1947

Julian G. Culver, M.D.,

Hayes, St. John, Abramson & Shulman,

120 Broadway,

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Dear Mr. Culver:

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To correct what appears to be a misapprehension on the part of your client, permit me to say that none of our investigators has intimated in any way, at any time, to any person that the Food and Drug Administration has the opinion that the Accumulator is "a pornographic device of no value except for immoral purposes". As a matter of fact that particular point is of no interest to us, if any. All are enforcing the Food, Drug and Cosmetie Act.

We appreciate the point you raise concerning the names and addresses and case histories of Dr. Reich's patients whose treatment with the Accumulator is briefly described in the Journals. These were called "Experimental Orgone Therapy in Humans", and are recited as research results. They constitute in part the scientific background on which your client has relied in using interstate commerce to distribute the device. Surely both he and you will agree to a fair investigation of them. Furthermore, these cases fall in a different category from those of a practicing physician and his private patients, the results of which are not used for promotional purposes. In other words, it is using these results for promotional purposes, Dr. Reich assumed an overwhelming responsibility for them.

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Trusting that we may have an early favorable reply to these three proposals, I am

Very truly yours,

E. H. W. SHERMAN,
Chief, Eastern District.
Collier's
The Week's Mail
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

The authors of "Greenwich Village," in the December 6 issue of Collier's, have evidently been misinformed about Wilhelm Reich. I would like to clear up several erroneous statements:


2. "Start at New School": Reich's international reputation precludes the need of a "start" anywhere. In request, he lectured to physicians and teachers.

3. "Accumulator cannot leak anything": Reich does not claim a panacea, merely that the accumulator has great therapeutic possibilities. The accumulators are rented from the Orgone Institute; the money does not go to Reich but to the Orgone Research Fund.

4. "Orgone invisible blue stuff": "Orgone" is the term for a form of energy...in the living organism, the atmosphere, the earth, and in the radiation of the sun...it is tangible and measurable...it is atomic energy in its natural state." W. Reich.

5. "Proem-up": Reich never made this accusation. He was expelled from the International Psychological Association because he insisted that psychoanalysis had social consequences that could not be skirted.

6. "Purged by Freud": Incorrect. Freud, himself, said that psychoanalysis would one day have to be put on a biological foundation. Reich has done this.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth F. Tyson

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Very truly yours,

W. E. N. Warburg
Chief, Eastern District.
ARCHIVES 10 December 1947
of the ORGONE Institute

Dear Dr. Reich:

Today the production manager of my printer (P.) called me to say that yesterday an Inspector from the Philadelphia Division of the Food and Drug Administration came to see him. He wanted to talk "confidentially." His Department was interested in the activities of Dr. Reich, would like to have information on production of books and periodicals. Asked why, whether there was anything wrong, he said: Oh, no, it's just routine, we are looking into the theories and teachings of Dr. Reich. He then mentioned that Wolfe did business with P. and asked if P. knew a Mrs. Ollendorff. P: Never heard of her. He then asked P. whether he knew whether Dr. Reich resides in Forrest Hills and mentioned Banceley. P: Said he had sent proofs to that address. He wound up by saying what they wanted of P. was permission to examine the production files, for data on Reich and Wolfe. P: This is a purely business relationship, as with any publisher, and this material is confidential. Insp.: I trust you realize that if we request information we can get an order and confiscate. P: I do not feel free to give you access to any production files. From further conversation it turned out that what they wanted was to find out the size of our editions, so as to know the magnitude of our distribution.

This seems to be the gist of it. I did not put anything in quotation marks as, of course, nothing represents a verbatim account. I told P. that they were investigating the accumulator and that that was in their domain, that he took the correct stand, and that he would not have to fear any consequences.

This incident seems to confirm again the fact that what is being investigated is not the accumulator but "a racket."

Sincerely,

Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe

DR. THEODORE P. WOLFE
401 LAST STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

Archives

Dec. 11 1947

Dear Walter Davenport

Your career, as I know it, is that of a sportswriter. I know you don't want Colliers to hit another sportswriter below the belt. Nor do I think Shaw and Henderson, in their article on Greenwich Village meant to sock a fellow citizen unfairly.

They said two things that were not true and were unfair to my friend, Doctor Wilhelm Reich. I quote:

1. "He has constructed orgone accumulators...he rents them to patients."

2. "The orgone accumulator can lick anything from cancer to the common cold, according to "Reich."

Doctor Reich, a physician of absolute integrity has never claimed in any way that the orgone accumulator can cure a common cold, let alone cancer.

The inference one gets from such a statement is that Doctor Reich is a quack, a charlatan, a faker. I know you will do anything you can to help correct such an impression.

Doctor Reich does not rent orgone accumulators to patients. These are leased by The Orgone Institute Research Laboratories (a non-profit organization with certificate from the State of New York) to persons interested in following Doctor's Reich's discoveries.

I write you this, not to defend Reich, whose work needs no defense and will stand or fall on its own merits. I write because Colliers, unwittingly, had done a disservice to a fellow American.

Sincerely,

Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe

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Wilhelm Reich succeeded in convincing these workers that beating up individuals would not help any. What was necessary, he said, was to bring to the consciousness of the world the fact that the human masses are helpless, and fall prey to political pirates because they are preoccupied with their own personal miseries and needs. That was in 1932. Since then, it has happened again and again that Communists have sniped at the mental hygiene movement led by Wilhelm Reich, by reporting it to the Fascists, to the police or other authorities, by smearing it in scurrilous articles, etc.

Slander, gossip and defamation are not the privilege of communist quarters alone. But as a matter of record it was hitherto the privilege of the communists to be the first ones to attack.

In April 1947, there appeared in Harper's Magazine an article by Mildred Edie Brady which seemed to launch an attack upon an innocent group of artists who prefer to live happily in a colony on the West Coast. The tone of the article was malicious; it did not say in so many words what it expressed in more or less hidden implication. When this article appeared, Wilhelm Reich told his friends that it was not directed against the artists but against him. In this article, he was described as the originator of a "new cult of sex". His friends did not believe that Reich was right.

This article missed its mark. Therefore, it was soon followed by an article, appropriately entitled: "The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich," which appeared in the May 26 issue of the New Republic, a magazine under the allegedly "progressive" editorship of Henry Wallace. This time, the attack was direct. The tone was that of all Communist attacks. Wilhelm Reich told his friends again that the Communist Party had become busy. They still did not believe it.

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Faeeism. We say "sneaking" because: 

Wilhelm Reich sees people by appointment only. He does not see any journalists. One day a call came from a Mrs. Brady who told the secretary of the Institute that she would like to talk to Wilhelm Reich. She had, so she said, "good and interesting news from the West Coast, greetings from friends." This opened the door for her. (She followed the same procedure with friends of our work on the West Coast.) She told Reich she wanted to write an article about his work which seemed interesting and important to her. Reich asked her not to write anything. He said he did not wish any publicity, because too many sick people would then call for their help and he would not know what to do with them since there were as yet very few physicians trained in his technique. Some months before the slanderous article of May 26, 1947, the New Republic had published a review of THE MASS PSYCHOLOGY OF FASCISM, written also by a Communist-minded writer, Dr. Frederic Wertham. In this derogatory review, full of vicious misinterpretations, Reich was accused of "reactionary trends," fascist preachings, and "psychofascism", in a typical C.P. jargon.

The article by Brady called on the State authorities and the American Psychosomatic Society to stop Reich's work. We need not consider the Psychosomatic Society which has no authority in matters of orgone biophysics. The American State, however, which the Communists design to destroy and to replace by their totalitarian regime, followed the lead given by the snipers. We don't know as yet what circles picked up this lead and induced the FDA to carry on the slander. One day during the summer of 1947, an officer of the Portland, Me., division of the Federal Food and Drug Administration turned up at Orgonon. A friend of his had read Brady's article and had told him it might be "worthwhile" to look into this matter. He was friendly, and gave him all the information he wanted about the orgone accumulator. However, when he came a second time, now with orders from the New York office, and asked about details concerning Reich's conflict with Freud, he was referred to the literature. Incidentally, this officer had not known the name of Sigmund Freud.

We had at first nothing against an investigation by the Food

Drug Administration. On the contrary, we welcomed the fact that now the orgone accumulator would come into the public eye. But why, we asked ourselves, had this Administration not paid any attention as long as the facts about the orgone accumulator appeared in the scientific literature, and why did it become interested now as a result of Brady's smear article which implied pornographic purposes?"....accumulators....which he rents out to his patients who presumably derive orgastic potency from it." What a sniper's sentence! We only wish the orgone accumulator could provide sexual health!

The New York office of the Food and Drug Administration continued the investigation. At first, we had to make it clear to the investigating officers that they were not dealing with a vice ring, a "sex racket", as Brady's insinuations had made them believe, but with a scientific institute. They asked questions such as these: "How many women are there?" "What do you do with your women?" It was not the examiners who were to be blamed for such errors, but the sniper.

This investigation by the Food and Drug Administration has been going on for some 5 months, at Orgonon, Me., in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Berkeley, Calif.; there may be many other localities where it was carried on without coming to our notice. It is still going on.

Had this article and the investigation come 5 or 6 years earlier, the whole work in experimental orgone therapy might well have been smashed up, just as the sniper hoped it would. The work had not yet reached its present maturity. This time the attempt failed. There are many physicians who work with the orgone accumulator. There are many good results on record. The orgone accumulator and the whole work have become widely known. Nevertheless, there is still the danger of a chain reaction of pestilential actions.

It is precisely because of the possibility that such vitally important work, important for millions of sick people, could have easily been smashed by one single cowardly sniper and an ignorant Government official who was sorely misled, that this severe warning must go out to all who work in our field. They must be warned
I would like to plead for my right to investigate natural phenomena without having any guns pointed at me. I also ask for the right to be wrong without being hanged for it.

I wish I could convince everybody concerned that the Food and Drug Administration is neither capable of nor equipped or entitled to deal with the orgone energy. Orgone energy is neither a foodstuff nor a drug or a cosmetic. The Food and Drug Administration would have to prove that they know how to demonstrate the universal existence of a basic cosmic energy with the Geiger Müller Counter, before I would concede their right to do what they propose to do, namely, "to study his device and to examine the details of the experimental work....". Orgone energy is an overwhelming phenomenon of nature. Overwhelming, because it has been so thoroughly overlooked, although it has been functioning in every single cell of the organism of man ever since he existed. In the light of the magnitude of this fact, the laws about "shipping in interstate commerce" shrink to utter insignificance.

Unless we ourselves fully recognize this discrepancy, no matter what the consequences, we are not worthy of being called researchers in orgone physics.

New discoveries of natural functions have always created the necessity for new laws for their administration. The airplane brought about new laws. It could not have been administered by laws pertaining to the steam engine. New laws had to be put into effect when electrical or atomic energy became a social issue. Obviously, atomic energy could not be administered like Kremi's hair tonic. Now, the orgone energy is not only a newly discovered type of energy; it shows, in the clearest objective language of natural science, a faster reaction on the Geiger Müller Counter than even atomic energy. It is also more powerful as a social issue, because it has those beneficial biological effects which are sought for in vain in atomic energy. The facts make it obvious that new laws will have to be put into effect for the administration of the cosmic orgone energy.
Orgone energy, then, is in a situation similar to that of atomic energy. This fact calls for courage, knowledge and a strong will to win out in this flight.

A mechanical, and therefore empty, application of "The Law", in this case the "Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act", to the orgone accumulator is, practically speaking, utter nonsense. Human diseases cannot be handled by laws, but only by appropriate knowledge.

As stated on previous occasions, there are no authorities whatsoever in the field of orgonogy except people who have worked in the field, thoroughly and efficiently. We do not grant any authority to the nuclear physicist or the Atomic Energy Commission in this matter as far as factual knowledge is concerned. A physicist of the highest repute has declared himself incompetent in this matter. Even I, the discoverer, had to struggle desperately for a decade to attain some clarity about these basic natural functions. Two thousand years of natural philosophy have been filled with anguish and hard intellectual struggle about the issue involved. Should we yield to a Food and Drug Administration which deals with aspirin and such? No state authority is big enough to force us to abandon our factual authority based on knowledge. To grant authority to an agency like the Food and Drug Administration would mean reducing the importance of our work to zero.

My suggestion as to how to settle this matter which so senselessly interferes with most important work was to ask the courts for an injunction against this investigation. There were several weighty reasons for such a course of action besides the ones mentioned above:

1. In the beginning, in August 1947, I fully cooperated with the Food and Drug Administration, giving them all the information and explanations they wanted. Then, in October, we discovered that they mistook the Institute for a "sexual racket". In spite of the denial of this fact by Mr. Wharton (Chief, Eastern District, Food and Drug Administration), there is no doubt that the investigation was carried on with the suspicion of vice, a suspicion derived from Miss Brady's slanders. The report of Dr. Simeon J. Tropp, the sworn statement of Miss Lois Wyvell, the nature of questions asked of various people, and many other facts prove this point beyond any doubt.

2. Having started in this manner, this investigation clearly became an integral and important part of the general smear campaign against my work which had begun several months earlier in magazines and newspapers.

It was instigated by Miss Brady, and it smeared our reputation in what we know to be a pestilential way: by presenting me as the originator of a "sexual cult"; as a quack who promised cancer cures; and as a promoter of a device which "allegedly" gives the user orgasmic potency.

The following is striking: None of the agencies of the U.S. Government paid any attention to the discovery of the orgone when the Institute reported the research results to the National Research Council, to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, and to other places. The Food and Drug Administration did not evidence any interest in the orgone accumulator or the fact that it was being shipped (with no therapeutic claims and for research purposes only), although my publications on the subject since 1945 speak a very clear language. In other words, this branch of the Government was not interested in scientific discoveries. It became interested, however, when a Communist sniper tried, for the sake of "The Party", to get my name and my work into disrepute.

3. In spite of the facts clearly stated in my publications and in the affidavits signed by the users of the orgone accumulator, the Food and Drug Administration still asserts, as late as December 1947, that I have sent out orgone accumulators "in interstate commerce to cancer patients" and that the scientific literature published by the Orgone Institute Press was sent out for "promotion purposes".

I have never "sent accumulators to cancer patients" in the sense of the statements and implications by the Food and Drug Administration. But what impression will people get from such statements when they do not know the facts? I have not handled a cancer patient in more than 3 years. I have refused to accept advanced cancer cases for experimental orgone therapy. On the other hand, in my article, "Anorgonia in the carcinomatous shrinking biopathy", published in early 1945, that I have sent out orgone accumulators "in interstate commerce to cancer patients" and that the scientific literature published by the Orgone Institute Press was sent out for "promotion purposes".

4. In spite of all this, I was still ready to cooperate with the Food and Drug Administration. It was clear that a fair and proper evaluation of the orgone accumulator would require the cooperation of one of
our more experienced physicians. But this was refused. I ask: Why does this agency of the Government refuse such an offer of cooperation? Are they too dignified, too almighty to accept it, or is it because they know all the answers beforehand?

5. The Food and Drug Administration confuses a statement of medical facts with a “promise of cure.” I have never promised any cure for anything to anybody. I would not do so even if, instead of breaking new trails in medicine, I were practicing routine medicine. All I did was reporting results, positive as well as negative. The orgone accumulator may help in some cases of shrinking biopathy and not in others. It did, for example, make an old farmer suffering from arthritis able to walk again; in other cases of arthritis it failed to help. Is the description of such facts “promise of cure?” Or, did I use these “results” for “promotional purposes” when I reported so and so many cases as having died? If I had wanted to use my findings for “promotional purposes”, would I have stopped working on cancer cases with tumors and turned to theoretical problems of orgonometry? Was it “promotional” when I did not receive a penny for my efforts but, on the contrary, had to devote most of my time to the work without any recompensation?

I wish I were wrong in warning against the emotional plague involved in all this. My suggestion to the law office (of Arthur Garfield Hays) which represents us in this matter, was to seek an injunction against this investigation. If this is not advisable or possible, then there is only one thing left for me to do: to relegate the whole matter to physicians who work with orgone therapy in biopathies, such as Dr. James A. Willie and Dr. Simeon J. Tropp. I do not wish to stand in the way of other methods of dealing with this disagreeable matter. But we must always keep in mind the many people suffering and dying, who could possibly be helped or saved by the orgone energy.

I am angry:

I am angry because there is so much talk of free speech and fair play. True, there is much freedom and fair play in regard to everyday matters. But, to my great surprise, I found that newspapers and magazines were open to smearing attacks on my work and my name; that one writer after another copied Brady’s slanderous statements, even in a Freud biography, without first trying to find out the truth in our literature; and that the same newspapers and periodicals seemed unwilling to publish a simple correction of misstatements.

December, 1947

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.
December 15th, 1947

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays
Hays, St. John, Abramson & Schulman
120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hays:

I am enclosing a statement by Dr. Reich regarding competence in matters of orgone energy. The statement speaks for itself; Dr. Reich refuses to spend any more time on the matter with the Food and Drug Administration.

This statement went to several of our co-workers, and Dr. Willie and Dr. Tropp have declared their willingness to take over the responsibility of dealing with the authorities in all matters concerning the orgone accumulator, together with me in my capacity as Administrative Director of the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.

Would you kindly advise your office that all future conferences, discussions, decisions etc. in regard to the orgone accumulator and the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc. should be handled with either one or all three of the above mentioned officers of the Corporation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Ilse Ollendorff
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of the
ORGONE
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Lieber Willi,

hier die Uebersicht von heute:

Brady, haben wir zu kennen
zwischen den K.G. immer so
tief mit unserer Verbindung
sein noch bekannt.

Auf einer Reise nach Californien,
mit dem Familie habe ich in
seine engen Freunde, Hofe Brady
in seine, manche auf und den
Ende noch eine sehr bekannte
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Asiatische bekannt, die nun
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kam keiner zur Sache, aber
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mehr von mir nichts die Symphon
sowie. Ich war einmal in
Brady'sheimen immer zu geben,
und habe die Natur mit meiner
schon habe 75 von der
Höhenstelen durch, und anderen 5
We have examined the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended and find that the Act covers devices. Section 321 (h) defines "device" as "instruments, apparatus and contrivances, including their components, parts, and accessories, (1) for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or other animals; or (2) to affect the structure or in function of the body of man or other animals." The term "apparatus" would seem to cover the Orgone Accumulator in this case. The report of the House Committee which formulated the Act indicates that it covers therapeutic devices (Rep. 2139 p. 2) U.S. v. 13 1/3 Gross of Rubber Prophylactics, labeled in part "Zello's Prophylactics," 65 Fed. Sup. 534. The District of Minnesota held, without discussing the subject, that the Act covered therapeutic devices.

In addition the wording of the law clearly indicates that "devices" are within its provisions. C.F. Sections 351, 352 and 353.

The purposes of the Act are to prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of any article covered by the Act which is adulterated or misbranded. Adulteration includes being made up of any component part which is injurious to human beings or animals in a proper case.

Rubinstein v. U.S.
163 Fed. 2d 127
Misbranding includes the misstating of the contents of the package or its ingredients and the making of false claims as to its strength, curative power or other properties.

Armer Co. v. U.S.  
142 Fed. 2d 730

U.S. v. Alberty  
65 Fed. Sup. 945

The practical effect of those sections of the Act is to prohibit from shipment in interstate commerce of any goods that are filthy, putrid, injurious to health and otherwise mislabeled.

In connection with the administration of the law, the Food & Drug Administration is given the right to inspect articles shipped in interstate commerce to determine whether they are in violation of the Act Section 372 (a).

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Applying the provisions of the law as set out above to our case, we conclude that there has been no violation of the law. The article is obviously not adulterated in the sense that it is not putrid, filthy, injurious to health, etc. It is not misbranded inasmuch as Dr. Reich has made no representations regarding its curative power. He has informed all of the users of the Accumulator that they are participating in an experiment, the results of which are as yet unknown to him. It is difficult to see how any of the actions of Dr. Reich could come within the prohibitions of the Act. That being so, it is our opinion that it would be best not to oppose the inspection or examination of the Accumulator. There is a strong possibility that should we voice such opposition, it would meet with failure; should we allow the examination the probable result will be that the Orgone Accumulator will not fall within any of the prohibitive sections of the Act.

It should be noted that Dr. Reich has voiced strenuous objections to permitting the inspection of the Accumulator. He fears that having no knowledge of Orgone Energy, the Food & Drug Administration will come to the conclusion that the Accumulator is a useless box and he will then be branded a quack even though the shipment in interstate commerce was not in violation of the Act. He has asked us to enjoin the Food & Drug Administration from making an inspection of the Accumulator unless they are willing to have their physician instructed in its use by Dr. Reich, prior to the inspection. He does not insist that he be personally present at their independent investigation but he does insist that before they are permitted to make this investigation they be advised of the good expected from its use. He feels that Orgone Energy is a new thing and, therefore, not within the ken of the Food & Drug Administration.

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research on the use of the Accumulator with such patients. We advised the Administration that these were privileged facts and could not be disclosed. They now insist that when Dr. Reich published the results of his research, he, in effect, used these cases for "promotional purposes" and that for this reason the privilege no longer applies. This might be true if the privilege were that of Dr. Reich. However, the privilege is that of the patient and cannot be waived by any Act on the part of the physician. The privilege continues even though the patient dies. (Section 562 C.P.A.)

Mr. Culver
Mr. Jablow

Dear Mr. Culver:

I have just received a copy of a letter of December 9, 1947, from the Food and Drug Administration to you. This letter refers to Dr. Reich's publications and the Orgone Institute Press. I am the translator of Dr. Reich's work and the Editor of the Journal referred to. Consequently, I am thoroughly acquainted with Dr. Reich's publications. I am also the President of the Orgone Institute Press. With these qualifications, I wish to state that the Orgone Institute Press has published only scientific works none of which, by the widest stretch of the imagination, could be classified, as they are in Mr. Wharton's letter, as having been used "for promotional purposes."

Whether this misinterpretation is based on ignorance or malice, I resent the imputation of "promotional purposes" as a slur on my scientific and personal integrity, and wish to voice a vigorous protest against it.

As to the request by the Food and Drug Administration "to acquire information of the Orgone Press," I would like to say the following: To quote from the heading of Mr. Wharton's letter, ("Orgone Accumulator") as well as from part of the body of the letter, it would appear that the object of this investigation is the orgone accumulator. The Orgone Institute Press is a publisher and distributor of scientific works. As such, it has nothing to do with the orgone accumulator or its shipping, no more than the publisher of a book on child care has to do with the practice of pediatrics.

The Orgone Institute Press is not under investigation. Mr. Wharton's request for information from the Orgone Institute Press is based on the assumption that its publications are used "for promotional purposes." Since this assumption is erroneous, there is no relevant information which the Orgone Institute Press could possibly give. The publications of the Orgone Institute Press are on the open market. Anybody who wishes to do so can readily convince himself of the fact that their purpose is scientific and not "promotional."

There is nothing that any investigation of the Orgone Institute Press could possibly add to this fact. Furthermore, we have work to do and have no time to waste on investigations without any basis in fact.

Sincerely,

Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D.
Dear Dr. Wolfe:

When I received the press release copy that you sent me on December 6th I turned it over to Henderson and Shaw, the men who wrote the article.

They assure me that everything they have said about Dr. Reich is borne out and actually noted in his own writings.

Sincerely yours,

Collier's
THE CROWELL-COLLIERS PUBLISHING COMPANY
250 PARK AVENUE
New York, N. Y.

Office of the Editor

December 17th, 1947

Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe,
401 East 65th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

I have had several letters protesting against the reference in Collier's to Dr. Reich.

I'm afraid I can't agree with you that his work was completely misrepresented in Collier's. I called in the authors of the article and they showed me books and pamphlets by Dr. Reich, and about him, which, in my opinion, bear out everything the authors said.

At any rate, I am having the whole thing investigated and I assure you that if we discover that we have done Dr. Reich an injustice, we shall say so in print, prominently, willingly and wholly. That, of course, is the least that we could do. It has been a tradition of Collier's to do just that when we find that we have done anyone a wrong.

I am still awaiting the result of the investigation which, I may add, is being done quite independent of this office.

Sincerely yours,
December 17, 1947

Conference with Mr. Wharton of Food and Drug Administration

I called on Mr. Wharton for the purpose of finding out just what phase of the Orgone work was being investigated. It appears that at this point the FDA is interested only in the Accumulator. In its opinion it is a therapeutic device being shipped in interstate commerce and, therefore, is amenable to the Act. It insists that it, the Accumulator, must be properly labeled in that it must contain the name and address of the manufacturer, instructions for use, and cautions against certain uses if necessary.

I questioned the jurisdiction of the FDA on the ground that Orgone Energy was in no way connected with food and drugs and was something which they undoubtedly didn't understand. They conceded this point and stated that they would look to the Bureau of Standards or some other qualified Government agency to assist them in determining the efficacy of Orgone Energy. If after an examination of the Accumulator and various tests they were unable to secure any reaction, they would then call upon Dr. Reich to demonstrate the efficiency of the Accumulator.

In the meantime they feel that they are entitled to the names of the cancer patients referred to in Dr. Reich's writings and claim that these are not privileged communications since they were obviously used for promotional purposes. Mr. Wharton didn't think much of my claim that everything was on an experimental basis and was the subject of extensive research of which these cancer patients were a part. He seems to feel that this literature is rather widely distributed and is sent to all persons who received Accumulators. He was also under the impression that Dr. Reich was using the name of Arthur Garfield Hays for exploitation purposes without the latter's consent. I was able to show him that Mr. Hays had suggested to Dr. Reich writing to the Franklin Institute. It was a letter to this latter organization which had given rise to Mr. Wharton's statement. In addition to the names of the cancer patients the Food and Drug Administration is anxious to secure a list of the persons to whom the literature is sent. I stated that as far as I knew it went only to scientific organizations, medical societies, schools, colleges and physicians but he seemed to doubt this. He asked me if I had ever seen Orgone Energy or had ever been in an Accumulator and indicated that in his opinion I was unqualified to make any statements concerning it until I had done so.

He denied that any of his investigators had ever indicated that there was any vice connected with the use of the Accumulator even after I had shown him the affidavit of the young lady at the press. However, he did state that he could see how the various magazine writers had connected the Accumulator with Dr. Reich's sexual beliefs. He seemed to feel that there was a
definite connection with the writings of Dr. Reich. Not having read the articles to which he referred, I was unable to answer him on this point.

Mr. Wharton stated that since the Accumulator was not patented he would withdraw his request for any of them and simply have one built for the use of the FDA. He knew about the purchase of a Belger Muller Counter by Dr. Reich and seemed to know just what size and model it was. He showed some interest in my statement of the demonstration which Dr. Reich gave me Saturday morning concerning the reaction of the Counter to Orgone Energy. He also expressed great surprise that Dr. Reich would not cooperate with them. He stated that this was the usual practice of everyone whom they examined including the fakes, and he felt which more could be accomplished by cooperation.

On the question of the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration I raised the point that no claims were made as to the cumulative powers of the Accumulator, and that for this reason I did not think we came within the Act. He pointed out that if that were so all persons seeking to defraud the public would simply distribute their drugs or devices on an experimental basis and escape the provisions of the law. All during the conversation he insisted that the FDA was not trying to discredit Dr. Reich and was merely seeking to ascertain just what value, if any, the Accumulator had or whether it was harmful to human beings and that their investigation would be made as fair as possible.

Nevertheless, I am convinced that they feel Dr. Reich has already violated some provisions of the Act simply by shipping Accumulators in interstate commerce without labeling them in exactly the manner required by the Act. They seem to have a complete file on every person who ever used the Accumulator, or a great many of them; also a list of the doctors who prescribed the use of an Accumulator. However, when I mentioned that there were scores of doctors who agreed with Dr. Reich, Mr. Wharton claimed that there were less than one score. From this I gather that they do not have all the names.

To: Dr. Reich
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Signed,
Wynn R. Sherf

Dec. 17, 1947
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On the night of November 26, 1947, Mr. Wood phoned me after dinner and said he wanted to speak to me about the orgone accumulator. We met in Mr. Wood's room at 9:30 p.m. He expressed some concern about the difficulty of making an analysis, since the accumulator contained no chemicals to be tested or moving parts to be examined. He wanted to know whether Dr. Reich intended to incorporate the work of this summer in his next book. In any case, he was not satisfied with the amount of work that I had done for Dr. Reich this summer, which I did in the following short sentence:

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December 18th, 1947

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays
120 Broadway
New York 2, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hays:

A government agency once before made a mistake, suspecting Wilhelm Reich of being a "Russian or German spy". He was taken into custody, and released unconditionally. Now, a second "mistake" is being made, this time suspecting "promised cures" and "promotional purposes". This is not a free expression of opinion, but damaging slander and must be stopped.

The Orgone Institute had a meeting last night in regard to the misleading basis of the investigation carried on by the Food and Drug Administration. We came to the unanimous conclusion that this branch of the Administration must under no circumstances be permitted to continue on its present wrong course.

We have already succeeded in making the F&DA withdraw its first undeniable suspicion of "vice". Now, we have the second task, namely, to obtain a written statement from them to the effect that

1. The investigation of the orgone accumulator is not conducted with the suspicion of a medical fraud, promotion, fake or other unscientific grounds;

2. No link-up with past, present or future "precedent" cases in which, according to the opinion of the F&DA a "fraud" was suspected, must come up either in speech, writing or public utterance;

3. The investigation is conducted solely and exclusively on the basis of the purely scientific question whether the orgone accumulator has any biophysical effects;

4. The F&DA acknowledges the fact that Wilhelm Reich has never promised any cures either in writing or in speech, that he has explicitly warned against the expectations of cure-all effects, that he has scientifically described his experiences with the orgone accumulator in various biopathic and symptomatic diseases, positive and negative ones.

The main reason for this decision is the fact that an investigation, carried out under the above mentioned hidden or open suspicions by officials who are completely ignorant of the subject matter, would by its mere implications do damage to the well-established reputation of Wilhelm Reich as a scientist and research man, especially in such broad public circles which do as yet have no knowledge of his work and his academic standing.

It appears, furthermore, obvious that the F&DA was baffled since the orgone energy presents an entirely new and hitherto unknown general natural phenomenon. This fact has apparently forced them on a path of thinking and acting which we cannot permit them, under any circumstances, to pursue.

A man of science can be wrong without being a faker or a charlatan. Even if the entire orgone theory and the orgone experiments were wrong, no suspicion of fraud or promotional interests or medical swindle could even be thought of. This is guaranteed by Wilhelm Reich's academic background and accomplishments. It should be expected of officials who deal with such enormous problems that they have at least an inkling of what kind of people they are dealing with. We can understand their "mistakes", but we cannot permit their continuation. They are too dangerous.

This decision is final and cannot be changed.

Please, keep in mind that there are two separate actions. The one taken by Wilhelm Reich for the sake of his own reputation as a scientist, which would lead to a court action only if the administration is not willing to give the statement which he demands. The other one taken by the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc., contesting the investigation of the F&DA on the basis of unfair and biased methods and also questioning their
competence involving the problems and new theories of orgone-physical science.

Sincerely yours,

Ilse Ollendorff

We enclose another document in the investigation matter for your files.

December 20th, 1947

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays
120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hays:

I received the report of Mr. Culver on his discussion with Mr. Wharton of the Food and Drug Administration. There are too many wrong statements and insinuations in Mr. Wharton's affidavit to be answered one by one.

I am not a politician, and I have no economic interests involved. I have, therefore, no more time to spend on this affair. The matter will be handled by the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc., under the directorship of Dr. Willis, Dr. Tropp and Ilse Ollendorff. I am transmitting all rights to the medical use of the accumulator to the Corporation, expecting no monetary recompensation except the eventual return of the costs which are evident from the books. I have done my part, in discovering the orgone energy, in elaborating some of its qualities, and in constructing a device to accumulate it, which, to my experience, has shown great possibilities in being useful as a medical device, though many gaps are still left open. Hence I cannot do. I am not ready to say more now than I have said in my articles and books. The rest is up to the public. If the people do not want the accumulator, it is their responsibility and to their disadvantage.

If there is no way to keep public servants, who behave irrationally at bay, it is the fault of the public.

If there is no legal way to make them responsible for wrong decisions which are harmful to the public, it is again the fault of the public.

If there is no legal way to find out who is working behind the scenes of it all, it is the fault of the public which is being cheated.

I am not fighting the American Government. I admire Government actions like the Marshall plan for aid to Europe or the "Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights".
I believe that the people should use their legal rights also against public servants who abuse their authority.

I do not believe that an investigator of the type of Mr. Jackman is representing the true and basic foundations of the American government. I am helping the government not to be compromised by such public servants.

I refuse to be governed by public servants who ask "what we are doing with our women". It is none of their business.

I am fighting for my right to have my scientific findings kept secret and to publish them whenever I deem it right to do so. It was unlawful to my mind, for the Food and Drug Administration to obtain confidential scientific documents which I had sent to a scientific institute. Scientific secrets should not be violated. I don't want any spying on my scientific activities by public servants or no public servants.

I regret very much to have to say all this, but I would like to assure you that the construction of the orgone accumulator was only a very minor affair in my total work. Therefore, I have no more time to spend on it.

I would force a law-suit, in case this or any other single officer of the Government would continue to "make mistakes" about my person.

Sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.
December 26th, 1947

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays
120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hays:

This is another statement in regard to the current campaign against my work. My critics and adversaries did not play a fair game with me. This is borne out by the records. They could not win by facing the issue, therefore, they fought me in a backhanded way. They used, instead of rational discussion the methods of defamation, persecution, arrest, lie and distortion. This has one consequence: I refuse to play ball with them from now on.

1. We succeeded in divorcing the mental hygiene problem from the orgone accumulator. Now we must succeed to divorce the orgone accumulator from the huge problems of basic natural science which are involved in my work.

2. The orgone accumulator as a medical and biophysical device will be handled by the directors of the non-profit Corporation. On the other hand, the basic natural scientific questions will be handled by me personally only. Questions pertaining to the accumulator can be settled by extensive experimentation in any hospital, if irrational motivations are excluded. The basic natural scientific problems, on the other hand, will require a period of 10, 20 or more years of theoretical discussion and should, therefore, not be involved in the practical side of the matter.

3. I would like to state that, as a true man of science, I am not obliged to demonstrate anything to anybody. Should a rational and honest approach to the problems of orgone research be made by any public or private institution, without any hidden or pestilential motivations, I would make the Geiger Müller reaction the crucial point of scrutiny. My main condition would be that the facts alone should be affirmed or denied. I would refuse to cooperate in any discussion if this condition would not be granted. The statement of fact must be divorced from any attempt at interpretation. Even in highest scientific circles, as the past has amply demonstrated, there is such confusion and empty talk. Therefore, a strict concentration on one single fact would be the only reasonable way to avoid the effects of confusion and evasion. The fact of the Geiger Müller reaction would have to be established under strict legal conditions and protocols.

I would reserve the right to chose the time and place of the demonstration of the Geiger Müller reaction.

The fact of the existence of the primordial cosmic force which I termed Orgone energy, is so huge that it can wait 200 years for recognition. It does not depend on present-day scientific opinions, right or wrong. The only legal task today is to prevent defamation of my name and "rediscovery" of the orgone by some well-endowed public institution, either now or in 100 years. I do not care about recognition today. It will be to the people's disadvantage if they permit irrationalism to postpone the use of the orgone energy.

Sincerely yours,

W. Russell HARD
Chapter 15. The Larger World of Psychoanalysis.

A school of psychoanalysis, approaching the proportions of a cult, is that formed by Wilhelm Reich — expelled from the International Psychoanalytic Society in 1933 — and his adherents. Unlike the Horneyites, who minimize the importance of sexuality, the Reichites go even further than Freud in believing that sex is everything. Briefly, Reich says that our whole modern society is sick primarily because it is sexually starved. It is a quality of this sexual starvation that is so appalling, and the quality centers in the condition of the organs, to whose study Reich devoted a book, The Function of the Orgasms, the Bible of the Reich school. The thesis of the book is that all physical, mental and social ailments, from aches to fascism, stem from "orgastic impotence", which is not the inability to attain an orgasm, but the inability to derive sufficient pleasure from it. This inability, which according to Reich is virtually universal, stems mainly from "the patriarchal family", and its "compulsive morality". All the social and political ailments of the modern world are simply large-scale projections of the unhappy sex-starved condition of the individual.

How one discovers whether he belongs to the orgastically potent or the organically weak is that subject of a chapter in the book, How to Deal with Others. A man who is dependent on the enemas to satisfy his sexual needs is orgastically impotent. If he is to have normal relations with other individuals, he must not only get rid of the enemas but have a normal feeling for sex. He must be able to derive satisfaction from the sexual organs themselves. How to do this is the theme of Reich's book.

There are nowadays various methods of treatment for those who are impotent, but the most successful is the "orgone accumulator", and the one in which the greatest progress has been made is the "orgone accumulator". The orgone accumulator is a device for concentrating the orgone energy. It is a battery that is charged by the sun and then discharges the orgone energy into the atmosphere. The orgone energy is a form of energy that is released by the body during the sexual act.

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In applying the atmospheric orgone, we ran into the same difficulties as those encountered in the experiments with the injection of blood. Many mice died from the clogging of the secretory organs, although they did not develop any tumors or ulcers. This problem will be more extensively discussed in connection with the orgone therapy experiments in humans.

I shall now proceed to a presentation of the orgone therapy experiments in human cancer. I wish to repeat again that we are not dealing here with final results, but only with important observations which will undoubtedly point to new realities and uncertainties. The fact that we know about all the effects of the orgone, the more secure becomes the foundation for a mastery of the cancer scourge, and the more helpers will join in the fight against it.

To the unprepared reader, the orgone therapy experiments may seem like hocus-pocus. Orgone energy is taken from the air. The cancer patients sit in a simple cabinet made of an outer well of organic material and an inner well of metal. There are no complicated contraptions, no wires, no buttons to press, no whirring motors. The orgone energy, with all its far-reaching effects on the shrinking biopathy, does not cost any money. More than that, our Institute has taken steps to prevent any profiteering with this energy. This may sound surprising, "too simple", and "too good to be true". This simplicity, together with the quackery and profiteering going on all around us, will make the reader inclined to strong disbelief.

In summary, I may say that the discovery of the orgone and its medical application has opened a number of new, and, as it seems, exceedingly hopeful prospects. Of course, I must leave it to further investigations to find out just how wide is the realm of the medical applications of the biological energy.

As far as orgone therapy of cancer is concerned, it had at present reached the point where it was to be taken out of the experimental stage and to be put on a large-scale practical basis. As far as the prevention of cancer is concerned, that is a more complicated problem, both technically and from the point of view of organization.

Sex-economy and orgone biophysics offer some important insights which can be of help here. Not in the way in which one might like to think of it: we have not discovered some chemical cure-all which, if used on a large scale, would suddenly wipe the scours of the biopathies from the face of the earth. It is far from being that simple. The fight against the biopathies will be one of the most arduous tasks with which humanity ever confronted. I do not hesitate to state that no previous revolution nor even achievements as the conquest of the plague of the black death can compare with this task in its depth and danger.

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If now, the human organism is exposed to an ever greater differential between life demands and possibilities of gratification, it is clear that the stage of the biological energy increases in the same proportion. The greater the stress the more severe the damage, emotional and physical, to the organism. Cancer is the most significant somatic expression of the biophysiological effect of sexual stress, somatizes the most significant emotional expression. It is not by accident, but entirely logical, that Massachusetts, that state which, in the middle of the 20th Century, has the most stringent laws against contraception, and enforces them, also has one of the highest cancer death rates of any state in the country. Society will have to learn to take cancer as a sex-starvation disease seriously.

Up until the summer of 1943, I had refused to let patients keep orgone accumulators in their own homes, although the suggestion had been made by a number of friends. My refusal had various reasons. It was unclear in what form — purely from the legal standpoint — the accumulators should be released for public use. As business is not in my line, I did not want to become an entrepreneur. To leave the construction and distribution of the accumulators to business people would have meant delivering the orgone research to the very practices which today govern the pharmaceutical industry. I have neither the time nor the inclination to engage in any competitive struggle. On the other hand, I had applied for a patent, with the explicit notification to the Patent Office and all co-workers that the patent had the exclusive purpose of protecting the discovery against exploitation and profiteering. Orgone can be had like water or air and is present in infinite quantities. It is taken up by the body like air. All that is necessary to bring it to the consumer is the accumulator does. Arrangements must be made so that even the poorest people can avail themselves of the concentrated orgone.

One will ask why I do not simply "present the world" with the discovery. I have asked myself this question. Since I personally do not care for the economic exploitation of the discovery, I could easily have enjoyed the ephemeral fame that comes from such a donation, but it is not merely a personal problem. I have to consider the future of orgone research. Thus far, no social institution has considered it necessary to offer our Institute that economic support which any average, or below-average, experimental work in the chemical field obtains without any difficulty. In addition, orgone research had been made to feel the grave-draggingness and the irrationalism of the conventional officials of science. In Scandinavia, they almost succeeded in making it show they began to get an inkling of the fact that a dangerous opponent and competitor of mechanics and mysticism in natural science began to grow in the form of functional orgone physics. This running gag of science in Norway in 1937 and 1938 was a powerful warning. I had to rid myself of any misgivings. To expect aid from social institutions which owe their existence to the lack of knowledge, is fatal. Would Wilson have expected material support for his construction of the incandescent bulb from the manufacturers of gas lamps? The atmospheric orgone is the electric bulb as compared with the gas lamps of the chemical drugs.

Excerpt from "Be-Bop" by Shana Ager in Mademoiselle, January 1948; New York, N.Y.

Many of the be-boppers share a strong interest in abstract painting, psychoanalysis and drugs as well as in exotic clothes. A few of them collect or paint abstractions themselves, several are being analysed, marijuana is important to a number of them, and one or two are "on hard stuff."

A piano player who is a disciple of Dr. Wilhelm Reich and who has spent a number of hours sitting in a Reichian device known as an Orgone Accumulator—a sort of Turkish bath cabinet which is claimed to build up a man's "orgone energy"—says of the be-boppers that, "In Reichian terms, they're all hystericals. They're subject to feminine panic reactions. To relieve these tensions, the piano player sometimes offers to administer a manipulation—usually a massage of the neck and shoulders—to an overly keyed-up musician.

Dear Dr. Reich:

I am enclosing a letter which was sent to me in response to a letter of protest to the Collier's article. I find the entire letter as bad as the original article, but the last sentence is rather amusing. I wonder if Mr. Devenport refers to the Pure Food and Drug Investigation and if he is, what is the connection between Collier's and the investigation.

Sincerely,

[signature]
Jan. 6, 1948.

Mrs. Ilse O. Reich
9906 49th Ave.
Forest Hills, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Reich:-

Your letter of the 19th was received. I regret that I am unable to tell you much about Mrs. Brady, and most of that is "gossip". She is, I understand, the wife of a professor in the Univ. of Southern California, whose name other than Brady, I do not know. He is an economist and author of several books. They both have, or at least, have had, the reputation of being "radicals". I can well understand that communists would not like Dr. Reich's viewpoint.

Why not have someone (not yourself), a friend or lawyer, inquire of the Congressional Committee on Un-American activities, if they have a file on the Bradys?

I would be very glad to be interviewed by the investigator of the Food & Drug Administration. If there is anything I can do to further Dr. Reich's work, you may be sure I will try to do it.

Will you please tell Dr. Reich, that in Boston the Psychoanalytical Society set up Dr. Martin Peck's technical library as a memorial to him after his death. With Mrs. Peck's aid, I am adding to the library, the Journal of Sex-Economy, and the books of Dr. Reich's as I can find them available and unduplicated.

F.S. If I run across any additional information about Mrs. Brady, I will let you know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Willa P. Mackenzie
January 12th, 1948

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Dear Doctor:

I am sure that the magnitude and importance of our work will make your court action against the unfair investigation by the FDA successful. What I have to say is put down in my publications and the several communications which were sent out to our friends. Here I would like to add a few essential points which might help to clarify the situation in court.

I assume that your task will not consist in proving scientific data, but in fighting the unfair and so obviously malicious procedure of the FDA and whatever interests are behind them. There can be no doubt about the pestilential motivation of the investigation. Pestilential means to us, as you well know, a procedure which is not interested in whether a fact is true or not, but where the only interest is that of destruction of truth by whatever means: a typical political way of acting and thinking.

I think that it is just important for you to have a fair knowledge of the tremendous scientific issues involved as it is important to keep the pestilential background of the object of your attack clearly in mind. I shall, therefore, give a short outline of only a few essential facts in regard to our basic scientific position in astrophysics and physics:

1. One of the major insinuations on the part of our enemies is that of our misusing the vogue of "atomic energy" for fraudulent purposes, and of claiming a frame-up unjustly. I shall, therefore, give a short outline of only a few essential facts in regard to our basic scientific position in astrophysics and physics:

a. The orgone energy was discovered in 1936 within the bions, in January 1939 radiating from the SAPA bions, and in July 1940, independent of bions, in the atmosphere. This was before the discovery in mechanical physics which lead immediately to the splitting of the uranium atom, I believe in 1939 by Frisch and Meitner, of which I had no knowledge. Furthermore, Einstein had confirmed the temperature difference in January 1941, before anybody, (including me) knew anything about the splitting of the uranium atom.

b. I was in touch with the law office of Arthur Garfield Hays in regard to a possible frame-up before I knew anything about the later action by the FDA.

c. The many years of our cooperation have, I am sure, given you a definite impression of my ways of thinking and acting on the basis of the responsibilities involved. This will make it easier for you to understand my present standpoint in regard to our action, as outlined in the following points:

a. Should I ever be called before a court of the United States as a witness, as an accuser or as a defendant, I would tell THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, i.e., I would behave in accordance with the law to the last dot. That would be most unpleasant to many persons and institutions. It would mean a perfect public scandal. Therefore, I would advise to do everything possible to prevent my appearance in court, in order to prevent the scandal.

b. Against the background of our professional knowledge of what we call the emotional plague and its method of defamation, it is easy to understand that I am ready to answer in public any question any social authority may ask. But I would most definitely refuse to answer any questions asked by anybody, if the questioning would be done in secret investigations and with the accuser or the accusation being hidden from me.

c. I shall not cooperate under any circumstances with anybody, whoever he may be, if the established fact of the Geiger-Müller reaction to orgone energy would not be legally established first through a legally valid protocol.

d. I shall request that my enemies confront me in public and answer my questions.

e. I shall take any personal risk involved in these procedures which I am determined to carry through. There is no other way to cope with maliciousness or ignorance as used by the emotional plague, by whoever it may be represented.

3. I shall deposit orgonometric functional equations with our law office and several other places. These equations are of basic natural scientific significance, and they are entirely new. They establish the validity of my method or orgonometric research, which I call Energetic Functionalism, and its corroboration by classical and quantum physical theories and facts. I shall not divulge the meaning of the equations if a fair deal in the whole matter of orgone physics is not guaranteed by everybody involved.
I shall also reserve my right to determine the time when I shall divulge the meaning of these equations. They deal with Cosmical Energy Functions and the function of what is called Gravity.

4. I shall keep my discussions with Einstein, which are of utmost factual importance, secret as I promised him. But I would request that he releases me from my promise if this would become indispensable for a rational evaluation of the orgone physical facts and theories. Only then will the scientific world be able to understand why Einstein did not keep his promise to me which he made in January 1941, and it would also understand the tremendous questions of basic natural sciences which are involved in this action against the F.D.A.:

Einstein’s “Empty Universe” in which no “Ether” exists, has become invalid by the discovery of a basic cosmic energy, our orgone energy. The “Ether”, that is the universal orgone energy exists. It can be demonstrated by means of the thermometer which shows a constant temperature difference Toffee at the orgone accumulator; by means of optical arrangements in the darkroom, and by means of the Geiger Müller apparatus which demonstrates a reaction of orgone charged counter tubes to the extent of 40 - 50 impulses PER SECOND with no known sources of energy applied. I must forego the many problems which the existence of the “Ether” - orgone helps to explain, problems of basic natural science as for instance the medium for light and radio-waves, the field actions in the planetary system, gravity, etc.

The constant temperature difference at the orgone accumulator shattered the general validity of the Second Law of Thermodynamics: The Universe is not only “running down”, but it is also building up energy processes, just as the living organism does in growth or heat production.

The Michelson experiment on which Einstein based his theory of the non-existence of the Ether has also become invalid. The basic assumptions on which the Michelson-Morley experiment was based, have been proven wrong by new observations:

The assumption in this experiment which failed to prove the existence of an Ether was that the Earth moves in space while the surrounding Ether stands still. That means, the Earth, according to this assumption, moves like a rolling ball on (the not moving) water. The orgonomic observations, on the other hand, show most clearly by means of the telescope and by means of theoretical conclusions, that the cosmic orgone - “Ether” moves faster in space than the Earth. The relation of Earth to Ether is that of a rolling ball to the water WAVES, and not that of a rolling ball to the water. The water in a lake does not move; the waves move faster than the ball; and the ball moves, while the water does not move, from one place to another.

With the downfall of the basic assumptions which led to the negative result of the Michelson experiment in 1925, the conclusions drawn from this experiment have also become invalid: The Universe is not empty, and the Ether exists in a way that finally becomes demonstrable.

The elaboration and the scientific discussion of these tremendous changes in basic physical theory will take a long time. They cannot be decided in court. They are far beyond the competence and the scope of the FDA, apart from the unfairness of their procedures. And I request the right to take my time to work on these problems without being threatened or forced to publish results prematurely.

I regret that developments took this turn. I would have preferred to continue to work quietly in my laboratory and my study, as I did for so many years. The attackers are to blame, if all this will lead to a public scandal, unheard of in the history of science. It must be clear that this is a clash between the forces of rational work and the irrational forces of irresponsible, malicious politicians, whatever their motives may be.
A. E. HAMILTON  
CONSULTING PSYCHIATRIST  
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GENTLEMEN:  

The above book contains a remarkable passage referring to Dr. Wilhelm Reich and his work (p. 317 ff.). One would expect a biography to be based on serious research. However, the whole information, or rather misinformation, about Wilhelm Reich and his work was lifted by the author from a slanderous article by Mildred Edie Brady, published in Harper's, April 1947.  

In addition, the author replaced the word "orgast" (= referring to the sexual organs) by the word "orgastic" the Dictionary definition is the following: "Fertile or resembling the Greek orgast; hence, marked by wild revelries."  

It would seem that the responsibility for such misrepresentation lies not only with the author but also with the publisher.  

Sincerely,  
Theodore P. Wolfs, M.D.
A third school of psychoanalysis, approaching the proportions of a cult, is that formed by Wilhelm Reich—expelled from the International Psychoanalytic Society in 1933—and his adherents. Unlike the Horneylites, who minimize the importance of sexuality, the Reichites go even further than Freud in believing that sex is everything. Briefly, Reich says that our whole modern society is sick primarily because it is sexually starved. It is a quality of this sexual starvation that is so appalling, and the quality centers in the condition of the organs, to whose study Reich devoted a book, *The Function of the Orgasm*, the Bible of the Reich school. The thesis of the book is that all physical, mental, and social ailments, from ulcers to fascism, stem from "orgastic impotence", which is not the inability to attain an orgasm, but the inability to derive sufficient pleasure from it. This inability, which according to Reich is virtually universal, stems partly from the "patriarchal family", and its "compulsive morality". All the social and political ailments of the modern world are simply large-scale projections of the unhappy sex-starved condition of the individual.

How one discovers whether he belongs to the orgastically potent who shall inherit the earth, or to the orgastically impotent who are doomed to sit around sullenly in the sinkhole of the modern world as it is, is left chiefly to subjective determination. There are certain infallible indicators, according to Reich, of whether you belong with the lucky ones. First, if your ability to derive the fullest possible measure of high-quality sexual satisfaction is complete, you will be apart from the sewers-dwellers by your high color, moist and ecstatic skin, and the full-blooded healthiness of your abdomen — in brief, by your enormous vitality and well-being. Second, this vitality will be reflected in your enormous power for creative work. (Finally, this unleashed creative energy will not allow you to sit to a dull mechanical job. No assembly line or file cabinet can hold the orgastically potent and another him into neurotic submission. His is the world of art: the world of bread, glass string on wire, between heaven and earth, of inventing.)

Chapter 15. The Larger World of Psychoanalysis.

Howell, Sooskin Publishers, Inc.

January 20, 1946

Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe
401 E. 58th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

I have your letter regarding the material about Wilhelm Reich in Helen Walker Purer's biography, *FREUD: HIS LIFE AND HIS MIND*.

I regret you feel there is misrepresentation involved in Mrs. Purer's material, but I am satisfied that her inquiry regarding the article in Harper's was conscientiously undertaken, and that she would not have incorporated any material in her book which she regarded as slanderous.

Sincerely yours,

William Sooskin

William Sooskin
22 January 1948

Mr. Arthur Garfield Nays
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Nays:

I was very glad to meet you yesterday and to be able to have a few things clarified.

One point I would like to come back to. You seemed surprised that I regarded the accusation by the FDA that we "send out our literature for promotional purposes" as out of the way, to say the least. We regard this as very serious, since there can be only one implication to it, and that is that Dr. Reich runs a cancer racket.

I have explained my stand in this matter at some length in my letter of December 16th to Mr. Culver.

Sincerely,

Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D.
January 26, 1948

Dear Dr.

I have been informed that the investigation of the Food and Drug administration are trying now to question patients whom you treat psychiatrically. It is my duty to inform you that the patients must be protected from irresponsible inquiries into their private lives. Would you be kind enough to instruct all your patients that they should refuse to answer any questions such as: "How much they pay the doctor," or "why they went to the doctor," or "with whom they associate," "where they were born and brought up," etc., etc., such questions by the inspectors of the F.D.A., or others; they have nothing to do with the object of the investigation. Please protect medical secrecy.

Sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.
Mr. Julian G. Culver  
Hays, St. John, Abraham & Schulman  
120 Broadway  
New York 5, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Culver:

Referring to my letter of January 23rd, I forgot to ask you to send 3 sets of the photostatic copies of the equations to us.

I am enclosing a copy of the questions the investigators of the F.D.A. asked last Friday of some physicians and social workers at Marlboro State Hospital, Marlboro, N.J. As you will notice, they are still asking a great number of absolutely irrelevant questions. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter the Orgone Institute Press received last week, which I think is important for a positive point of view on our work.

Sincerely yours,

January 26th, 1948

Marlboro, N. J.
January 27, 1948.

Mrs. Wm. Reich  
58-06 65th Ave.  
Forest Hills, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Reich:

You will find enclosed the list of questions and answers which you requested over the telephone.

These are all I can remember. I have tried to list them in the order in which they occurred. Of course the wording is not exact, but I have given the substance of the questions and answers.

Sincerely yours,
When and how did you first hear about the Accumulator? Jan. 1946. Dr. Reich told me about it.

Why did you get one? Dr. Reich advised it.

Why? He said he was advising it in my case because I had had a tumor.

How did you hear about Dr. Reich? Dr. Baker told me about him.

More questioning which led to my telling them about taking treatment.

Why did you start taking treatment? Because I suffered from anxiety after my husband entered the Army.

Is that your husband's picture? Yes.

Was he a Captain? No, a Major.

What kind of treatment does Dr. Reich give? I don't think you know enough about things like that to understand.

More questions which led to my saying it seemed to me he combined some psychoanalysis, some character analysis, and a new type of therapy involving the relaxing of muscular tensions which resulted in the release of repressed emotions.

How does he relax the muscles? By pressing on them.

Did instructions come with it, or were they mailed separately? They came with it.

Why do you use the Accumulator? Because I believe it is beneficial to my general health.

What do you think Orgone is? A substance in the air, more abundant in mountains and at the seashore, which is beneficial to health.

Do you have a copy of the instructions? No, I don't know where it has gone. It was lying around, but then we moved the Accumulator and the instructions, which had been on top of it, disappeared.

Where are you from - where were you brought up? Around here.

Do you have Dr. Reich's books? Yes.

What ones? They saw the Journals and wrote down the volume numbers. Oh, you have "The Function" too.

After lunch they came back. They said Dr. Baker had been very kind and helpful to them, and that I had been too. They seemed much more friendly and natural. They explained that they wanted to find out everything so that they could be fair to everyone.
January 22, 1946

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Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe
401 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

My letter of January 20th, to which your latest letter refers, does not imply that Helen Walker Pomer's statements regarding the work of Wilhelm Reich was based entirely on the article in Harper's Magazine, or that she neglected to consult the works of Wilhelm Reich himself. It merely suggests that we place confidence in the article Harper's published and that we do not regard it as slanderous.

The question of the use of the word "orgastic" as against "orgastic" involves a technical error. We are now in the process of tracking down the responsibility of that error and I will be glad to let you know the results of our investigation. In any event, it does not seem to me of world-shaking import.

Sincerely yours,
William Bobkin
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January 29, 1948

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

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Sincerely yours,

William Baskin

William Baskin
January 30th, 1946

Dr. Theodore F. Wolfe
401 East 56th Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

Would you be kind enough to inform our physicians and educators of the following statements which pertain to their duties and standing in regard to the Orgone Institute:

1) The policy of this Institute is not directed "against" anybody or anything. It is directed solely toward prevention of disease and securing health and well-being of the human being. This is the only loyalty we request of our students, physicians and educators alike.

2) It is an essential part of the training of physicians and educators at our Institute that they put their loyalty and duty towards their patients and pupils ahead of anything else, like loyalty to the "State" or a political ideology, if the "State" or the political ideology is acting against this interest. This is an integral requirement of their admission to practice orgone therapeutic medicine or education. No exception to this rule can be made. But every student is, of course, free not to submit to these essential rules. In this case, his name cannot be on the list of those practitioners for whom we can take professional responsibility.

3) To make these requests understandable, it is necessary to point out that they cannot provide health for their patients through any political party or through the F.D.A. Please inform them of the translation of the original educational rules in Eurojet Russian. Each doctor and educator should make himself acquainted with these communist educational principles.

4) It must become a part of the training that physicians and educators know their constitutional rights as citizens and how to use them against arbitrary procedures by any agency whatever: Administrators are public servants.

If you have any further suggestions to make in accordance with that line of thought, please inform me about it and act accordingly in the training program with your students.

5) Please explain to the physicians why we are stopping a new not only the investigation of matters which are not connected with the accumulator, but also any investigation pertaining to the orgone accumulator itself. The patients are, of course, free to give any information they want to give. But in that case they would have to return the orgone accumulator. This measure is justified by the malicious intentions of the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Reich

January 30th, 1946

Mme.
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Dear Mme.

I thank you for your communication of January 27th.

May I point out that the inspectors of the Food and Drug Administration had no legal right to ask you any personal questions, especially those about what I did to you, and that you could have refused to answer them in a completely legal manner. May I also point out that your description of what I was doing must have given a bad impression since I am not doing a mixture of psychoanalysis, character-analysis and pressing muscles, which sounds like charlatanism. You know, and Dr. Baker will surely be able to explain to you what orgone therapy really is.

Sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.
We have, therefore, come to the decision that this kind of investigation must needs be stopped by any means at our disposal. One of these means is to stop any cooperation with the investigators. You can help us in our fight for our work and against irrationalism wherever it may show up by refusing to give them any information at all and by referring them, in case they should question you, to our lawyer, Mr. Arthur Garfield Heys, 120 Broadway, New York.

We want to emphasize the fact that we do not request anything from you that is not absolutely legal, but you must understand that you are within your legal rights to refuse to comply with any demand of the investigators, and by referring them to the attorney. As a matter of fact all matters pertaining to the relationship between you and your doctor are private and confidential and are protected under certain provisions of law.

James A. Willie
Medical Director
Ilse Ollendorff
Administ. Assist. Director.
There are two possible conclusions that one is inclined to consider as a result of this type of questioning—the one, that they do not know what to investigate; the second, that the investigation is designed to discredit. I did not gain the impression that they were sincerely interested in making an honest appraisal of the accumulator.

I should like to point out that I feel that the method of approach can be totally disarming to those who have not been forewarned, and are sincere in their desire to give a true picture of things. A patient, for example, should not be expected to tell the investigators about orgone therapy, its technique, et cetera, apart from the fact that it is not germane to the investigation, any more than one would expect a patient to tell them about the technique of a surgical procedure. I know of patients who were asked such questions, but I, as a physician, was not.

Altogether, I was inclined to feel that there was something sinister and malevolent in their probing. To say the least, their questions could hardly have aided them in estimating the value of the orgone accumulator as a therapeutic device—if that was their purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Chester M. Raphael, M.D.
Dear Dr. Wolfe,

We have examined the proofs of the article "Emotional Plague vs. Orgone-Biophysics" which you intend to publish as a refutation of the false accusations which have been made in connection with Dr. Reich's work.

In our opinion, none of the statements contained in that article is libelous. It is true that you accuse Miss Brady of writing libelous statements concerning Dr. Reich, but this does not in itself make your statement libelous since you are merely putting your interpretation on her statements.

Furthermore, we think the question of libel is not important in connection with your article. If Miss Brady feels that she has been defamed, she is at liberty to start any action she wants to. I doubt if she would take the chance. If she did, it would give us an opportunity to publicise your case.

Since your article will, undoubtedly, be published in one of your own journals, it may not have the beneficial effect which you desire and expect. However, that does not constitute a reason for not setting forth the truth about Dr. Reich and Orgone.

Yours very truly,

Rays St John

By
February 6, 1948

Rein, M. D.

99 - 06 Sixty Ninth Avenue

Forest Hills, New York

Dear Doctor Rein:

On Tuesday, January 20th two investigators from the Food and Drug Administration appeared at my home just after lunch, showed me their badges and explained that they were investigating the Orgone Accumulator. I said I had been expecting them and would be glad to answer any way I could. They appeared quite surprised and wanted to know how I knew they were coming. I told them they had already visited some of my patients in the area and had seen other Orgone Therapists. Then they wanted to know if you had mentioned the investigation and if so what had you said. I replied that you had mentioned it, that you welcomed an official investigation and had asked me to cooperate with them.

They then asked me many questions concerning the Accumulator, its rationale, use and effectiveness. These questions I answered gladly and explained that I had personally used it for two years and had prescribed it for many of my patients. That I had been skeptical at first but had seen so many conclusive experiments and clinical results proving the presence of Orgone energy and its effectiveness in medicine that I could assure them the Accumulator was no quackery but a scientific effective instrument. One which I could not afford to be without. They assured me they had no prejudices against it but had been requested to investigate it and were glad to find one who could talk authoritatively about it. I suggested they would be wise to concentrate their investigation on the physicians using the Accumulator rather than patients who did not understand it and could at best give only personal opinions at times of necessity vague.

They wanted to know if it could cause harm. I said I did not believe so other than temporary headaches or dizziness if one remained in too long - that one of my patients had gone to sleep in one for several hours with no ill effects. However, they had cautioned very specifically against its use over. They then asked if instructions came with it. I said yes, very detailed instructions - DID I sign an affidavit when I received the Accumulator and what did it say. I replied that I had, but that I could not remember the whole affidavit but I did remember that it warned the Accumulator was considered experimental and that no claims were made for it.

Having spent this time on questions concerning the Accumulator and much of it I feel by my direction they now turned to irrelevant questioning. Did I have any of Reich's literature. I reminded them that I understood they were interested in the Accumulator, not in literature but I had no objections to saying

that I did. I had all of your English publications, both books and journals adding I supposed they were familiar with them. They were but did I have any other literature. I said no, that I knew of no other literature and did not understand what they could mean. This question they repeated several times and did not seem to believe my negative reply. Then, how did I happen to get in touch with Reich. I again felt that irrelevant but said I had no objections to telling them I had long been looking for a book on Character Analysis and when I saw one listed in a Medical Book Company I ordered it and then ordered all of your books because at last I found something in psychiatry that made sense. Then I contacted you personally and had studied under you since.

They wanted to know the names of my patients who used the Accumulator. I told them I could not ethically answer the question but I presumed they had the names already since they visited three.

Another question they took up in detail was how I got the Accumulator. I told them I had a friend pick it up for me in New York and bring it to me.

I showed them the Accumulator, explained how it worked and consistently redirected conversation to it explaining that I knew that is what interested them. However, I felt that the Accumulator actually was not the major interest and that they had many questions they would like to ask but did not have the courage nor opportunity. They constantly seemed to be looking for something else. They were very courteous, even sweet. At first I felt they were conducting a practical investigation but more and more I began to feel they were after something they either did not understand themselves or did not wish to communicate to me.

I ended up feeling that this was not a fair investigation of the Accumulator.

Very sincerely,

Eleworth F. Baker, M. D.
Investigators of the Food and Drug Administration who allegedly investigate the orgone accumulator continue to ask psychiatric patients of licensed physicians such questions as these: "Why did you start taking treatment?" "Is that your husband's picture?" "What does the doctor do?" "What else does the doctor do?" "Do you have Dr. Reich's books?" "What ones?" "What do you think orgone is?" etc.

Such questions are not only irrelevant and immaterial to an investigation of the orgone accumulator. They constitute an unjustifiable invasion of patients' privacy and an interference with their treatment. In the name of the physicians connected with the Orgone Institute and in the name of their patients I wish to register a vigorous protest against such proceedings. Such and similar proceedings are the reason why we can no longer cooperate with this investigation.

Sincerely,

Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D.
February 10, 1948

Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe
401 East 58th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Wolfe,

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Yours very truly,

HAYS, ST. JOHN, ABRAMSON & SCHULMAN
Gentlemen:

You will be interested to know that Mr. Jackman and Mr. Hirschberg, Federal Food and Drug Administration investigators from the New York office at 201 Varick Street, New York City, called on me this date.

In accordance with your memorandum of a few days ago I refused to make any statement as to the effects of the orgone accumulator. I admitted that I had received an accumulator, but did not answer their question as to whether I used it.

They attempted to frighten me by asking me to close the door of my office though there was no necessity of our being overheard, by thrusting their badges close to my face and making vague references to the "F.B.I." and by saying several times that they would have to "report to their superiors that Rev. Carpenter was uncooperative".

I asked them several questions which I considered entirely relevant to the discussion, but they answered either by saying that they were "not allowed to discuss that" or else their replies were very irrational. I did not question their right to initiate such an investigation, but told them that I considered its continuation entirely unjustified.

I will be very interested to know the outcome of this investigation and hope that you will keep the users of the accumulator informed of the developments.

Very sincerely,

Louis C. Carpenter

Orgone Institute
35-06 Stafford Avenue
Forest Hills, New York
Dear Sirs:

I failed to receive the questionnaire to which reference is made in your letter of February 9. In fact the communication of February 9 is the only recent correspondence I have received about the accumulator.

On February 5, I was interviewed by two representatives of the Food and Drug Administration. It was my impression at that time that the users of the accumulator had been instructed to receive the investigators in a manner that was friendly and cooperative. Accordingly, I cooperated fully with the investigators in making honest replies to their inquiries as to my personal experience with the accumulator. They desired to know what was accomplished through its use. I replied that my emotional attitude and general health had been improved through Orgone Therapy. I explained to them that since I am not a psychiatrist or a specialist in the field of orgone research, I would not be able to offer an adequate explanation. They asked questions as to where and when I had received literature or heard lectures about this theory of treatment. They were not able to elicit any information from my replies. They desired to know if there is a picture of the accumulator in any literature. Again I did not produce any information.

They asked for permission to examine the accumulator and take pictures. This permission was granted and pictures were made. On February 11, they returned and asked me to sign statements which they said, in effect, would show that I had received the accumulator. I refused to sign any statement. We had a long session, during which time we discussed the merits and demerits of cooperating in their investigation. They stated that they will return on Tuesday, February 17, but I shall continue to refuse to sign any statement or give out any information.

Sincerely,

[Address]

February 14th, 1948

Report from Dr. Albert L. Duval, Shrewsbury, N.J., regarding the investigation by the Food and Drug Administration.

Two representatives of the Food and Drug Administration visited me in my home on February 4th, 1948. They started their interview on an intimate basis, by commenting on my home after showing their badges. They stated then that they were investigating the orgone accumulator, and that I had one of them with a small one inside a larger one. This was made as an assertion and later confirmation was asked. They asked the age of my daughter, how many of my patients sat in the accumulator, how many of my patients had accumulators, what my personal response had been to the accumulator whether or not my wife and daughter sat in the accumulator, and tried by subterfuge to find out from what part of the country I originally came. They wanted to know how I became interested in the accumulator, what diseases I treated with the accumulator, what were its theoretical limitations, whether or not I had paid for books from the Orgone Institute Press by check, Money Order cash or C.O.D. They said they would have to send in a rather adverse report because of my lack of cooperation. The only questions I answered were strictly relative to myself, not how I received books, nor relative to my patients. I did tell them that I felt warm in the accumulator, that my wife sat in the accumulator, the age of my daughter. For the remaining questions I referred them either to the Orgone Institute or the lawyer's office.

Sincerely,

[Address]
Dr. Legman called and wanted to speak to Dr. Reich. I informed him that Dr. Reich was busy and asked him to give me the message. Whereupon he said that it would be rather difficult to give a message but that he would try. He has been asked to write an article for a series of lectures for the Canadian Forum and wanted to know more about the obvious quackery connected with the accumulator and bionized earth which he had just seen at a friend's house. He wanted to talk to Dr. Reich as scientist to scientist, to find out what is behind this quackery. I told him that with this attitude of his and without his knowing the scientific publications, Dr. Reich would under no circumstances talk to him. Whereupon he said, you mean that sales material that is published by him, since he does not know of any scientific publications besides the ones given out by Dr. Reich who wrote about the orgone. I told him that Dr. Reich discovered it and that nobody else as yet could write about it. Whereupon he said, yes I know he is the only one who can judge when a person has an orgone and when not, which I immediately corrected to the effect that Dr. Reich never said so. I again asked him whether he has read anything and he said again you mean the sales literature to promote the sale of accumulators. I told him that we had no promotional literature, that the accumulators are not sold but rented and given out for experimental purposes. He immediately said that he knows about that racket too. He insisted again and again on speaking to Dr. Reich and I told him that he could not see or speak to him, and suggested he might try Dr. Wolfe. He an-
I know that Dr. Wolfe is an assistant in this racket of obvious quackery.

On that, I hung up the telephone on him.

Dmitri Alenevich

Oslo, Sept. 29, 1948

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I have been told by different, completely trustworthy persons that in a meeting at the Psychiatric Clinic on, I believe, the 15th of this month, you said that in America now it is the general opinion that Dr. Wilhelm Reich is completely insane. None of the individuals who reported this to me had written down your statements verbatim so I cannot give you your exact words. But according to these persons this was the content of what you said.

I assume that the reports are true and I would like to ask you on what basis you make statements like these. I intend to report this to Dr. Reich so that he can take the necessary steps to protect himself against attacks of this kind.

The following is somewhat off-the-subject, but I would like to inform you that during the latter part of August and the first part of Sept. this year, I attended a conference of Reich’s students and co-workers, among them 17 doctors most of whom were psychiatrists with long experience but some with previous and present University teaching positions. I talked very thoroughly with most of them and none of them seemed to have detected Reich’s insanity.

In case you wish to add or correct any of your above-mentioned statements about Dr. Reich, I will wait till the 7th of October before I inform Reich about them.

Sincerely,

Ola Raknes

In regard to your letter of Sept. 29th of this year, I wish to inform you that in my lecture at the Psychiatric Clinic on Sept. 17th I mentioned that in the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in 1947 there appeared a very strong attack on Wilhelm Reich by a woman psychiatrist, Miss Edv. (Published in the Morning Bulletin, the title: “The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich”). In this connection, I did say that “in America now it is the general opinion that Dr. Wilhelm Reich is completely insane” but that the psychiatrists with whom I discussed “The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich” thought he was insane and not a charlatan. I emphasized further very strongly that Reich earlier had been an outstanding analyst and that it was with this background in mind everyone now regarded his present-day fantastic system as paranoid. It should be obvious that American colleagues have the right to take a stand concerning an official, published criticism of Reich and it is hard to understand why there should be objections to the fact that I report this. The Reich case is completely known in the U.S. after the above-mentioned publication.

Sincerely,

G. Langfeldt
November 2, 1948

Professor Gabriel Langfeldt, M.D.
Psychiatric Clinic
Vinderen, NORWAY

Dear Dr. Langfeldt:

In your answer to Dr. Raknes' letter to you of September 29th, 1948, you wrote:

"I did not say that "in America now it is the general opinion that Dr. Wilhelm Reich is completely insane", but that the psychiatrists with whom I discussed "The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich" thought he was insane and no charlatan."

Since this is a very serious statement made by you in a lecture, that is publicly, we request that you tell us the names of the American psychiatrists who made this statement, especially the one that "with the background of his standing in psychoanalysis in mind, people now regard his present-day phantastic system as paranoid."

Since a large group of physicians in many countries are working with the orgone energy which Reich has discovered, and since, furthermore, innumerable human lives depend in the present and in the future on the medical application of this energy, such statements as the one you made in your lecture are of a very serious and damaging nature.

We also like to inform you that you misinformed your audience as to Miss Edie Brady. She is not a psychiatrist, but is known here as a crank of a journalist who is a sensationalist and likes to annoy people.

Should we not receive any answer to this letter, we would take all necessary steps to force the issue.

Yours very truly,

A. Allan Cott, M.D., Secretary
Committee on Medical Orgone Therapy

November 2, 1948

Dr. Ola Raknes
Observatorie Terrasse 10
Oslo, Norway

Dear Dr. Raknes:

We are sending you herewith enclosed the copy of a letter which we sent today to Dr. Langfeldt. We shall insist that Dr. Langfeldt gives us the name or names of the American psychiatrists he mentioned.

We are determined to force the issue and to go after these rumor-mongers. Would you be kind enough to find a good lawyer in Norway who could handle this matter for us, in case we do not receive a satisfactory reply from Dr. Langfeldt.

You are, of course, free to show this letter to whoever you wish and to make use of it in any way that might be helpful in this matter.

Cordially yours,

A. Allan Cott, M.D., Secretary
Committee on Medical Orgone Therapy
I, Nic Waal, M.D., hereby report the following facts:

Mitja Fabian, M.D., Psychoanalyst at the Menninger Clinic, Topeka, Kansas, said in my presence and that of Dr. Bergman, that it is long recognized that Wilhelm Reich is crazy.

She was also very disturbed about the fact that Dr. Meyer Silvert intended to study with Wilhelm Reich and told Mrs. Ruth Cohen that something should be done to prevent Silvert from going to Reich, because Reich is crazy.

Dr. Karl Menninger, in a discussion with me, warned me against connecting my work with Reich's name and asked me whether the orgone business of Reich was not crazy.

I believe that the rumors were originated years ago by the late Dr. Otto Fenichel.

November 9th, 1948

N. W. Waal, M.D.

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I was asked to make a statement of what I personally know concerning the gossip about Dr. Reich, in the event that a lawsuit was instituted. I agreed that I would do this, however, I also expressed serious doubt as to the value of such a lawsuit. I feel sure that such a procedure would be absolutely damming in Norway, but since I do not feel too secure in my evaluation of American culture, I rely on the Groups decision.

Identification with the work is very strong, and I share the anger and the other feelings that this gossip arouses in the group. I thoroughly understand the wish to protect the work that is being done. Nevertheless, I don't believe that the best interests are served by stirring up rumors and trying to check gossip. It also seems dubious to me whether statements of what was said more than a year ago can be accurately recalled, they may therefore, have little value.

However, when I was suddenly asked to put a statement in written form, I accepted a formulation which was not mine because of the pressure of time. The statement had to be presented before the meeting tonight. I was overpowered by the difficulty of explaining why I did not like to give a statement when I was not aware of the use the group would make of it, or without the possibility of discussing the matter with the group beforehand. One of the difficulties was simply my fear of the interpretation the group would make, should I object to giving a statement immediately. There was of course, the loyalty that I feel toward the work and I, therefore, have some difficulty in evaluating whether an objection to a lawsuit is valid or not.

Because of this situation I would refer to the statement returned until I have seen the group and have had an opportunity to give a report on Norway and the Menninger Foundation. In any case I would like to alter the statement so that I use my own formulation omitting the part about Mrs. Silvert's. The word 'crazy' was thirdhand gossip it might as well have been wrong as right. This type of loose thirdhand talk should not be used—I feel that it can only discredit the entire procedure. I also feel that a person who has received only a short period of treatment should not be involved. I feel sorry that I broke my own rules in regard to patients.
As far as my own attitude to the work and the group is concerned, I sincerely wish to be part of the work and development that is going on. When I saw Dr. Reich in February, 1948 he agreed that I ought to get this contact before I was publicly recognized as an organotherapist, both for the sake of the group and for myself. I explained that I had not reckoned with the Neminder fellowship binding me until October, but I said that I would spend at least two months in New York so that I could try to get the necessary information. I also explained that I was doubtful whether I could come East for the meetings in Maine, both because it was so close to the end of my work and also because of finances. I said that I would try my best; I was advised to read the Cancerliopathy as it could help my orientation. This orientation made me state in official lectures to the psychiatric fellows in training that the oncology was the logical development of the Freindian libido theory.

In February, I was received very kindly and understandingly. I was therefore, greatly disappointed when I felt an obvious reserve and suspiciousness toward me when I came this time to learn this orientation concretely. Having no explanation for this alternation—the only possible solution seems to be an unfavorable interpretation of my visits to Maine, or because of Rakesch's report. However, I feel it both unjust and unscientific for the group to make up their minds without hearing the matter from my point of view.

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State of New York
County of Queens

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Notary Public

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We would like to keep the following information in your files for further action in this matter:

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Dr. Singer, Resident physician at Hilleside Hospital, was immediately informed by Dr. Reich and the undersigned that no patient by the name of has contacted the Institute at any time, that she, therefore, was never examined here and that, furthermore, if such a patient had been seen by the Institute, she would not have been masturbated.

Dr. Singer stated that he knew the patient and had advised her to contact the Orgone Institute in order to be referred to a physician. He also said that he would immediately tell Dr. Miller that he was informed by the Institute that Mrs. never contacted the Orgone Institute and was not seen by anyone here. Dr. Singer asked Dr. Reich if possible not to involve his in this matter as this would cost his his position at the hospital and deprive him of his livelihood.

On November 14th, 1948, Mr. Jerome C. Stein, social worker from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, told the following to Dr. Reich and the undersigned:

That he was present at a conversation between Dr. H. B. and Dr. Annie Rubinstein, and that during the conversation Dr. H. B. told the same story of the patient coming to the Orgone Institute and being masturbated there. Dr. Rubinstein added that he had heard the story from a resident physician of the hospital. Later on, Dr. Annie Rubinstein repeated the story in the presence of Mrs. Stein to other people.

[Signature]

Signed: Ilse Ollendorff

Letter forwarded to:
Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe
Dr. A. Allan Gott
Mr. Culver, c/o Hayes, St. Johns, Abramson & Schulman
Oslo, November 17, 1948.

Mr. A. Allan Cott, M.D.,
99-06, Sixty-ninth Avenue,
Forest Hills,
New York,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Cott,

I have received your letter of 2nd November. I am sorry I was not aware that Miss Brady was not a medical doctor. You will get an answer from me in a fortnight, but I must first have a copy of the number of the Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic, in which the article of Miss Brady was published. I will here only remark that the meeting in which I mentioned the conception of Dr. Reich was a closed meeting, for psychiatrists only.

Sincerely Yours

G. Langfeldt.
From Professor Gabriel Langfeldt, M.D.,
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Today, at the request of Dr. William Reich, I have telephoned and spoken to each of the following doctors personally to ascertain if one or more of them has ever treated professionally or knows one.

A. Allan Cott, M.D.
Albert I. Duvall, M.D.
G. Ferrari Harday, M.D.
Chester M. Raphael, M.D.
William F. Thorburn, M.D.
James A. Willie, M.D.
L.G. Pelletier, M.D.

No one of these doctors has a patient named 2, and no one of them knows nor has ever met anyone by that name.

Helen Haskell McCargar

COPY (Original at Mr. Hays' Office)

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I, the undersigned, make the following statement:
I have never been to the Orgone Institute. I have never communicated with the Institute by telephone or letter, and I have never visited any therapist trained by the Institute.

signed ..............

date November 27, 1948

witness if available

signed: Jack Davis
1496 Longfellow Avenue
Bronx 60, New York

State of New York:
County of New York:

Philip Gold, M.D., 251 West 22nd St., New York, N.Y.,

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On the 23rd day of November, 1948, Mrs. Flushing, L.I., while in my office, stated that Dr. Herman Schildkraut, 69-10 Yellowstone Boulevard, Forest Hills, L.I., paid a sick call to her husband on November 18, 1948, that while there he made ridiculing remarks about her use of the orgone accumulator, and then got angry and said a psychiatrist friend of his told him that his psychiatric society is trying to provoke Dr. Wilhelm Reich, 99-06 69th Avenue, Forest Hills, L.I., discoverer of the orgone, so that he would sue them for libel and in that way they would bring the orgone work into the open and expose it.

Dr. Schildkraut did not give the name of the psychiatrist.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of November 1948
November 27th, 1948

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

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November 29th, 1948

Dr. Joseph S.A. Miller
Hillsides Hospital
SeIleroee, Long Island

My dear Dr. Miller:

We represent the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc. We have been informed that you have stated: That a Mrs. had gone to the Orgone Institute, there had undressed, was manipulated and finally masturbated; that she was assured that this would help her and that later treatments would go even deeper; that you further stated that Mrs. had suffered nervously as a result of the examination, part of which is described above and the rest of which involved a statement that the Orgone Institute had placed her in a box not unlike a steel box.

We are informed by our client that this statement is wholly untrue. We need hardly state to you the injurious, if not malicious, effect of statements of this kind made by a doctor of high repute. Unquestionably the statements made by you are slanderous.

Representing the Orgone Institute we are in some doubt as to what to advise our client. We do not think that law suits are an effective method of meeting a situation of this kind. We would like to know from you first, whether you made the above statement, and if you did, on what factual basis you made the statement, or the source from which such a statement was derived.

We would appreciate an answer from you to this letter, or a word with your attorney if you will be so good as to have him telephone the writer.

Yours truly,
November 29th, 1948

Dr. Ola Raknes
Observatorie Terrasses 10
Oslo, Nорвегія

Dear Dr. Raknes:

Enclosed please find the answer from Dr. Langfeldt to Dr. Cott's letter. Dr. Reich's comment on it, in his letter to Dr. Cott, are self-explanatory. Did you talk to a lawyer in Oslo about the possibility of a libel suit? Since Langfeldt made these statements in a public lecture, we think we should do something about it. In this connection you will be interested to hear that we are again in the middle of a new campaign, instigated by psychiatrists and psychoanalysts and that we are going to take legal action against some of the gossipers on the advice of our lawyer here.

It is a terrible nuisance to have to interrupt serious work to handle such plague reactions, but we have to stop this thing once and for all. In a meeting here last week, all the physicians in the work have agreed that the time is ripe for a medical organization and they are going ahead with it, which will mean that Reich has no longer to fight this plague as an individual, but that this organization will take over the job of protecting the work from all attacks by the plague. I only hope that they will succeed and that the whole mess will be cleared up soon.

Please let us know as soon as possible what you can do in the matter of Langfeldt. We were glad to hear the other day that your lectures are a great success and we hope you will give us a report on these lectures for publication in the Ergone Energy Bulletin which we hope to publish early next year.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Administrative Director
I was called into Dr. Miller's office today and presented with a letter from the law firm of Pays. I was asked if I knew anything about it. I responded that I didn't know much, but was promptly told that this could not be the case since there were only four people in the hospital who knew the name of the patient. Dr. Miller, Dr. Orens, further indicated that they thought that was the one who carried the story to the Orgone Institute and this sense had divulged private information of the hospital.

Consumed with anxiety, I told the assembled group that it was true that I had given some of the facts to a member of the Orgone Institute, but that the situation had also come to their attention thru another source. I told Dr. Miller that this member of the Orgone Institute had heard a rumor via a social worker from Philadelphia who heard it from Anne Reihn Something-or-other who had heard it from Number-who had heard it from a "resident". The context of the rumor was that a patient was referred to the Orgone Institute and had been put into panic by masturbation, undressing and a box. I told the group that the Member of the Orgone Institute which I mentioned above, is a friend of mine who asked me, as a resident of Hillside, if I had heard anything of this situation. In the subsequent conversation I told this person all of the circumstances of the situation including the names of the doctors present, the name of the patient, and the fact that I had already spoke to the patient on the telephone and learned and she had not been to theOrgone Institute at all.

Dr. Miller asked me why I divulged this information. I told him that I had no reason to conceal it, since in the conversation he had merely relayed on to us what he had heard from Dr. Obendorf.

He asked me why I had communicated with the patient. I told him that I had not believed the statements which he alleged that Obendorf had made and I wished to investigate.

After this discussion, I was called back into the office and told by Dr. Miller that he had called Obendorf and that Obendorf had denied all, leaving Miller holding the bag.

In general, Dr. Miller was very much impressed with the law firm. He admitted his guilt in the situation, indicating that he was perpetuating rumors which he had heard. He asked me some questions such as "are the patients masturbated?" etc. I answered the questions in a superficial way, whereupon he remarked that he was completely misinformed and had made a very bad mistake in handing on these rumors. Oddly enough, he ended by saying "If I had any brains, I would go there and take a course to find out what it is all about before shooting off my mouth". He was genuinely worried, guilty, and penitent.
Notes on a Telephone Conversation with Mrs.  
Social Worker at a Social Agency in New York. 12/2/1948, 10 A.M.

Mrs. called me to tell me about her experience at the Social Agency where she works in connection with the campaign against orgone therapy. She told me that last winter the director of the agency told her that she might not be accepted at the Graduate School of it becomes known that she is in orgone therapy and that the Psychoanalytic Association is trying to stop Reich's work. In that connection she remembers that about the same time a friend of hers who had heard about orgone therapy had written to a psychiatrist whom he knows in Chicago and asked his opinion about the advisability to undergo orgone therapy. The psychiatrist answered in his letter that he strongly disadvises him to undergo orgone therapy and that the Psychoanalytic Association was taking steps to "outlaw" Reich. Mrs. will try to obtain the letter from her friend, or at least the name of the psychiatrist the day in Chicago. She also told me that after the conversation with the director of her agency, the same director called her and asked her whether she was upset about this matter and partly tried to retract what she had said the previous day by saying that she does not think that the fact of her undergoing therapy will be decisive in her admission or non-admission to Graduate School. Furthermore Mrs. stated that another social worker who applied for a position at the Agency had been almost accepted there until the question came up whether she is or had been in some kind of psychiatric therapy. When this social worker told the director that she was undergoing orgone therapy, the position was refused to her. Mrs. will try to get the name of this social worker for us.

I asked Mrs. whether she would be willing to give us these facts in a legal statement. She answered that she would like to do so, but that, at the present time, her livelihood is depending on her job and that she would lose her job instantly if it became known that she made this statement. However, she wanted to talk this matter over with her therapist and hear his advice in this matter. She intends to leave the agency in about 6 months time if the financial situation of her husband becomes better, and at that time would be willing to testify to everything she has said.
When Dr. Silverst decided to be trained by Reich and this became known in Topeka at the Menninger Foundation, people were very much upset. Gossip returned to me that it was terrible since Dr. Reich was crazy. A little later Dr. Silverst was schizophrenic, also that I was very much to blame for having worked on Dr. Silverst in this direction. All this gossip came third hand to me, and therefore, being disgusted with the viciousness of things, I did not try to get any exact information about it.

The difficulty in the situation was that at the same time as I felt my work sabotaged and hindered, I also got the opportunity to perform it—for instance lecturing for the psychiatriists in training and doing research in the psychosomatic wards at the Winter Veterans' Hospital, mainly through Dr. Karl Menninger. I did not know what was what, and I felt that the sabotage stemmed more from the crowd around the Menninger Clinic which is administered by Dr. William Menninger and where Dr. Karl Menninger has nothing to say.

At one time, in the course of a discussion, Dr. Karl Menninger asked if I did not think that the Orgone business was crazy. When I answered no, and that I had seen Dr. Reich in February and it was in every respect a lie when people spread this rumor, he shut up by saying "Is that so?"

I came directly to Topeka and had no contact with other psychiatriists, but having gone around in America, Chicago, Cincinnati, Omaha, Buffalo, and New York, I have met many psychiatriists who are very interested in Dr. Reich's work. I met great interest from different professions.

I have the opinion that this spreading of this rumor is criminal and damages physicians and patients. It is against all professional laws.

I believe that such an incredible vicious attitude can only be due to personal insecurity and fear of competition. Behind this is the fear of a development where that have not followed and, basically, it is the fear of a truth which must form preventive social hygiene in opposition to reactionary forces. However, it is possible that some of the people being vicious are rationalizing their attitude and do not consciously realize what they are doing.

I permit this letter to be used since it is necessary to maintain the truth and to protect the interests of patients. But I would ask to be informed when and how it will be used to protect myself, since I believe that such forces as described above will try their best also to damage my work.

Nie Waal M.D.
In a conversation with Dr. Thompson at the Newark Mental Hygiene Clinic today, the following information was conveyed to myself and Dr. Levine:

Dr. Thompson stated that he had learned that Dr. Thompson who
is the head of the Neuropsychiatric Division of all the Veter-
ans Administration in the country, had requested from Dr.
Richie, who is the district head of neuropsychiatry in the
New Jersey sector, a list of all those psychiatrists at the
Newark Mental Hygiene Clinic who are active in orgone therapy.

Dr. Thompson went on to say that Dr. Richie is quite antagonistic
to orgone therapy and will not, under any circumstances, allow
it at the above clinic.

Dr. Thompson told us that the New Jersey Psychiatric Association
had requested the American Psychiatric Association to investigate
orgone therapy. However, the national body wrote back to the
New Jersey Psychiatric Association telling them that it was not
their problem and if they felt it was a problem than they should
do something about it.

December 10th, 1948

Victor M. Sobey, M.D.
Mathew Lipman, a student in my classes at Columbia University, in a conversation about Dr. Reich's work and his books "The Function of the Orgasm" and "The Cancer Biopathy," told me that a writer in the staff of "Consumer's Report" by the name of Masters (I do not know the right spelling) who has written radio sketches about atomic energy, told him the following:

That he is a friend of Miss Brady, who wrote the article about Dr. Reich's work in The New Republic and in Harper's Magazine. That he knew that Dr. Reich was psychotic.

That he thinks Dr. Reich should be in jail because he is preventing patients with cancer to have the right treatment, and instead makes them sit in a box whose purpose was to activate masturbation. That this box is rented to anyone who asks for it. That The Consumer's Report has one, but Mr. Lipman did not know by what means they had procured it.

I asked on which grounds Miss Brady and Mr. Masters declared Dr. Reich psychotic. The answer was that Miss Brady had attended a Psychoanalytic Congress sometime in 1924, where, Miss Brady says, Dr. Reich made the soundest speeches, but the signs of the psychosis were already in Dr. Reich's behavior: He was living in a tent on the hotel lawn, with a dancer, and wore a dagger.

Mr. Lipman added that all these stories could be the expression of Mr. Masters' and Miss Brady's own repressions and agreed they were more than unfair, they were dangerous, though it was the fate of all geniuses through history to be persecuted.

New York, December 7th, 1948

Archives of the Orgone Institute

Angeline M. Hayes
Winfield Avenue
Harrison, New York

January 12th, 1949

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays
120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

Enclosed please find

1. a copy of the report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, regarding the Orgone Accumulator.

2. a short summary of the most pronounced misstatements and falsehoods in this article, for your information, and

3. a letter to the Editor of the Journal signed by two of our physicians.

We would appreciate it if you would read that letter and, if you have no legal objection to it, send it on to the Editor of the Journal with an accompanying letter from you.

Would you kindly let us know what you have done in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Administrative Director
CANCER AND THE NEED FOR FACTS

"Orgone Accumulator"

Among the various weird devices at one time or another offered for the "treatment" of cancer and other diseases should be mentioned what has been described as the "orgone accumulator" and "orgonoscope" in a book entitled "The Discovery of the Orgone. Volume II: The Cancer Biopathy," by Wilhelm Reich, M.D., translated by Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D., published by the Orgone Institute Press of New York. The "orgone accumulator" is apparently a cabinet in which the patient sits and supposedly accumulates "orgone," a highly imaginary sexual factor supposedly found everywhere in life, but somehow not effective unless concentrated about the patient. The pseudo-Freudian confusion on which this illusory concept of "treatment" for cancer is based can be best appreciated by the following comment concerning the book:

The neatness of its format and the unctuous effect of its pseudo-scientific vocabulary are likely to mislead some of the readers of this book. It begins with a baflling description of units called "bions"; the noun gives rise to derivatives like the phrase "bion water" and the adjective "bionous." The earth bion water contains something called "orgone," which has to do with orgasms. "OP" in this vocabulary means not "osmotic pressure" but "organic notepcy"; related terms are "or- protozoa." The blueness of the sky is ascribed to orgone, sooner or later the author sees blueness practically everywhere, even in red corpuscles.

The thesis of the book is that cancer is somehow related to the behavior of the bions, and (page 100) that "a local cancer affection is a result of a disturbed sex-economy of the organism." Consequently, a radical fight against cancer requires a radical change in the sexual hygiene of the total population. To reach this conclusion, the author, without excusing any protest from the translator, weaves a web of argument in which the undeniable is most annoyingly entangled with the unfounded and the absurd. As a defense of the author's use of the "orgone accumulator," this book fails of its purpose.

Inquiries received concerning the "Institute" publishing this nonsense indicate that the "theory" is promoted as a method for curing cancer. There is, of course, no evidence to indicate that this is anything more than another fraud that has been foisted on the public and the medical profession.
January 12th, 1949

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hayes
120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hayes:

The laboratory is sending you a document on the latest irrational attack on the orgone accumulator, this time by the pharmacopoeic industry. The way the piece is written up shows clearly that they do not know what they are talking about. For example, they mistake the orgonoscope, a device designed to observe orgone energy visually, for a medical instrument. The laboratory will also send you a draft of a letter to the editor of the Journal of the A.M.A.

I do not believe that matters of scientific research can be decided in court. I personally would refuse to prove my standpoint at the point of guns, be it guns that shoot bullets or guns that shoot emotional poison and defamation. The work is not really touched by the hooting and spitting of these gentlemen in a billion dollar pharmacopoeic business who are frightened by some 160 orgone accumulators which are at present distributed in the United States for experimental purposes under the supervision of licensed physicians.

Although I cannot see how we could possibly follow up each single defamation with a libel suit, I would support the idea to write a legally valid letter to the defender. Our workers are honest, hard working people and should be protected against malicious slander. Practically, it is essential that no one should be permitted to base his fight against us on mere "opinion" or mere formal authority. We must insist that the critic prove his factual competence to criticize our work. In other words, he must prove that he has studied the phenomena as thoroughly as we did; and he must submit his facts in writing.

It is mainly the public which is being hit and should therefore be concerned with these cases. I shall suggest to our medical committee to publish all available material concerning the attacks for public scrutiny. I have done my part in publishing facts in the U.S.A. alone now for some seven years. We must wait now to see what others have to say, but must distinguish sharply between noisy defamation and factual opinion.

I would appreciate it if you would kindly render your legal help in the future to my coworkers, as you were good enough to do hitherto.

Cordially yours,

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.

January 13, 1949

Dr. Wilhelm Reich
99-06 69th Avenue
Forest Hills, New York

My dear Dr. Reich:

I have your letter of January 12th, and also the letter of the same date addressed to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

I agree with what you say as to defamation or libel suits. They rarely do any good. I have had cases like this before, and ordinarily what is done is to give publicity to the libel. Usually critical or libelous material is more sensational to the public than the truth.

I do not think the Journal of the American Medical Association will respond to your letter, but I have forwarded it, and shall be interested in the answer.

Cordially yours,

Arthur Garfield Hayes
My dear Mr. Hays:

The continuous attacks by emotionally sick people on our work constitute quite a problem. I confess that, though I understand a great deal of the characterological mechanism which lead to such attacks, I feel utterly helpless in how to fight them. One cannot fight such attacks with reason since they are inaccessible to reason and argument. And one cannot fight them with their own weapons. I agree with you that court actions are not the basic answer, though we may be forced to resort to court action here and there.

While thinking hard to find a solution, I hit upon the following idea and I submit it to you for your kind deliberation:

Is there any law in the statutes which would make it possible to sue for obstruction of public health, or for intention at such obstruction? Should such a law exist, it would be possible to bunch all the attackers together and to sue them for impeding public health; this is exactly what they are doing. The easy crowd could have different motives than the pharmaceutic peddlers, but the effect is the same.

Would you be kind enough to advise me on this issue?

Cordially yours,

W. Reich

Wilhelm Reich, M.D.

My dear Dr. Reich:

I have your letter of January 17th.

The situation is of course a trying one, and of course, as every scientist knows, your experience in trying to develop something new has been no different from that of other scientists, and throughout history. Any man with a new idea is subject to attack.

You ask whether there is any law which makes it possible to sue for obstruction of public health or for intention at such obstruction. There is no such law. Theoretically, when one is attacked, one has a libel suit. I say theoretically, because as a practical matter such suits are not helpful. Words of commendation or praise for anything new in medicine, seem to have little news value. On the other hand, attack, particularly if it is vicious, is likely to be sensational, particularly when the medical profession gangs up on a new method of research. The only comfort any of us can have is that in the long run scientific values become recognized.

Cordially yours,
Among the various weird devices at one time or another offered for the "treatment" of cancer and other diseases should be mentioned the "organ accumulator," described in a book entitled "The Discovery of the Orgone, Vol. II: The Cancer Biopathy," Wilhelm Reich, M.D., published by the Orgone Institute Press of New York. The "accumulator" is apparently a cabinet in which the patient sits and supposedly accumulates "orgone," a highly imaginary "sexual" factor supposedly found everywhere in nature, but somehow not effective unless concentrated about the patient. There is, of course, no evidence that this is anything more than another fraud.

Dear Mr. Ballott:

"Cancer 'cures' - beware," Consumer Reports, March 1949, contains a paragraph regarding the orgone accumulator.

I think you should know that the part of the A.A. Council report dealing with the orgone accumulator was not based on any knowledge of the orgone accumulator, a fact which is evident even from a careful reading and comparison with the preceding report. This part of the report does not contain a single statement of fact and is nothing but a slanderous attempt to discredit the work of Dr. Wilhelm Reich. It is actionable for libel.

It is highly regrettable that OS, usually factual and reliable, should reprint this slander.

The orgone accumulator, as is clearly evident from the material presented in the Cancer Biopathy, is the result of years of painstaking research in biophysics and is of the highest therapeutic value. The A.A. "report" is not based on any investigation, physical, clinical or otherwise, but is part and parcel of a slanderous campaign started early in 1947 by a Biologic Brady, an "accusationist" and Free-Lance writer, in fact, it is partially based on the scurrilous writing of this very person. This may be hard to believe, but in the summer of 1947 the Federal Food and Drug Administration started a nationwide "investigation" of the orgone accumulator which was clearly based on the scurrilous statements made in the public press by this very writer. This investigation, carried on over many months, failed to turn up any evidence of "fraud," "orgone radiations," or "sexual radiations" as intimated by Brady, investigators of the FDA, and now again by the A.A.

While it may not be the function of OS to acquaint the public with therapeutic devices which may be of the highest value or value, "not accepted by the medical profession," it should not reprint scurrilous statements, or, if it did so inadvertently, should not print these straight. The public should be warned not only against charlatans, but also against the detractors of honest and decent pioneer work. They may have more human lives on their conscience than the charlatans.

Sincerely, M. Lander, M.D.
March 17th, 1949

Mr. Arthur Garfield Hayes
ARCHIVES
120 Broadway
New York, New York

My Dear Mr. Hayes:

I regret to have to bother your office again with the plague which is continuously attacking our work. On March 17th, I received the following letter from "Mr. James A. Maloney" dated March 14th:

"Dear Mr. Reich:

Some time ago I wrote you a letter requesting that you come to this office to discuss with me a situation pertaining to your practice in this State as an M.D. At that time you did not see fit to come to this office, supposedly because you were too busy a man. Another situation has arisen which makes it imperative that you call at this office.

I suggest that you call me at Eldorado 5-1454. If you refuse to come to this office, you will make it necessary for me to take more drastic steps.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

James A. Maloney
Executive Secretary of
Professional Conduct

It appears rather difficult to meet such challenges calmly. I would like to sum up my attitude in this matter in the following points:

1. I refuse to be addressed as "Mr." Reich, since I am the graduate of a medical faculty and thus am in the possession of the title M.D., which has nothing to do with a license in a particular state. My last academic title was Associate Professor of Medical Psychology. Addressing me as "Mister" is a clear sign of prejudice and of authoritarian arrogance on the part of Mr. Maloney. I request common politeness not only as a human

2. As an independent natural scientist, chartered by the State of New York to do research, including medical research, in the field which I have disclosed, I do not feel that I am under the jurisdiction of the University of the State of New York. I would be important to know in what capacity Mr. Maloney is writing such a letter and whether there is any legal background for his request that I come to his office. "Mr. Maloney was informed of the fact that as not, and have not been "practicing medicine" since 1930," and for planning new trails in natural science and medicine, as I did, I do not need a license.

3. I assume that this incredible impolite letter has been incited by the slanderous piece on the organo accumulator which appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association on January 6th, 1949, and was reprinted in part, at the behest of "Eldorado" in the Consumer's Union report. (See enclosed statement.) The medical use of the accumulator has not been in my hands for years. It is in the hands of duly licensed physicians and the directors of the American Medical magazine association. If there is anything any authority wishes to know about the medical use of the organo accumulator, I suggest that they inquire at the proper agency.

4. I refuse to be threatened. If there is anything the law has against me or any physician in our field, we would only be glad to answer all questions by open court. If there is any reason for an indictment, I would suggest that the District Attorney brings the matter to court.

I shall, therefore, not appear in the office of Mr. Maloney, would you be kind enough to inform "Mr. Maloney about the content of this letter. I would appreciate it if you would send me the copies of your correspondence with "Mr. Maloney in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Wolfgang Reich, M.D.

[Signature]
Gentlemen:

Would you kindly let us know what happened to our application regarding the Orgone Accumulator? We filed this application on August 27th, 1947, through your Portland, Maine, Division.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Administrative Director

May 20th, 1949

Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Division
Federal Government
Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Would you kindly let us know what happened to our application regarding the Orgone Accumulator? We filed this application on August 27th, 1947, through your Portland, Maine, offices.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Administrative Director

June 1, 1949

Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D.
401 East 56th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

Thank you for your letter with its comments on the abstract of the article from the January 8 Journal of the American Medical Association, dealing with cancer cure, which was published in the March issue of CONSUMER REPORTS.

We appreciate your having taken the trouble to let us have your opinion about the orgone accumulator and cancer therapy.

Your letter is being brought to the attention of our medical advisors.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Managing Editor
Dear Mrs. Whitehill:

Thank you for your letter of June 1st. I see refer to my “opinion about the orgone accumulator and cancer therapy.”

I would like to point out that I wrote about facts, if you were to publish opinions about refrigerators, cameras, egg-beaters etc., instead of facts based on actual tests, I think I would not be the only one to cancel my subscription. With regard to orgone in general and the orgone accumulator in particular, nobody is entitled to “opinions” which are not based on actual knowledge and experience. This includes, of course, your medical advisors, as I think they themselves will agree.

OU, by publishing the slanderous ASA statements, has taken part in the slander campaign against Wilhelm Reich and his work. This is not in keeping with the record of OU, and I trust you will not the record straight.

Sincerely,

Theodore P. Wolfe, M.D.
July 9th, 1949

Mr. A.G. Murray
Assistant to the Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We received your information yesterday, according to which no application was filed by us in August, 1947. This information surprised us very much. We would like to summarize the events:

On August 27th, 1947, Inspector Wood of your Portland office came to our laboratory at Orgone, Rangeley, Maine, to take some data on the orgone accumulator. He returned a few days later with a triplicate set of application blanks which were filled out and signed by Dr. Wilhelm Reich, and additional material, such as instruction sheets, affidavits, etc., also in triplicate were handed to Mr. Wood for filing with your office. An investigation of the distribution of the orgone accumulator was then carried on by your organization for several months all over the United States.

In April, 1949, Mr. Duncan Haymes of New York, visited your Washington office to find out where the matter of our application stands. He was told that the file could not be found in your office.

Would you kindly send us another set of application blanks so that we can renew our application, and would you also inform us whether our file has been found.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.
Rangeley, Maine

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 9, we have no record of having ever received any new-drug application from you. Application forms are enclosed in accordance with your request.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
July 30th, 1949

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

ARCHIVES
of the ORGONE INSTITUTE

Attention: Mr. A.E. Murray, Assistant to the Commissioner

Gentlemen:

We received your letter of July 21st, with the application blanks. The orgone accumulator is not a drug, but a device which accumulates and releases orgone energy to be used for therapeutic purposes. It contains neither chemicals, nor has it any electric or electronic connections.

We are, therefore, returning the new drug application blanks and would appreciate it if you would send us the application blanks for therapeutic devices.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Administrative Director

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

NO. 197

ORGONE INSTITUTE RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.
Rangeley, Maine

Attention of Mr. Ilse Ollendorff

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of July 30 in which you inform us that your orgone accumulator is not a drug but a device. There is no provision in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act regarding the filing of any application with this Agency for devices. We are at a loss to understand the nature of the application which you stated in your letter of July 9 was sent us but which we have no record of receiving.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Assistant to the Commissioner
Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. A.H. Naurn, Assistant to the
Commissioner

We received your letter of August 5th, and were stunned by your information that no application for devices has to be filed with your agency. Mr. Wood, Inspector from your Portland, Maine, office, has told us two years ago explicitly that every kind of device used in medicines must be registered with your office if shipped in interstate commerce.

We would appreciate it very much if you would inquire with Mr. Wood directly who received our application whereupon an investigation of the orgone accumulator was started all over the United States, which lasted nearly one year. Mr. Wharton from your New York office also participated in this investigation.

It was this laboratory which claimed to begin with that orgone energy is neither a drug, nor a substance, nor a foodstuff, but an energy with hitherto unknown qualities.

Would you kindly inform us whether you have any knowledge about the investigation of the orgone accumulator at all. The matter is urgent, since we would like to know on whose behalf this extensive investigation was conducted. Are you in the possession of our literature which was given at that time to Mr. Wood as well as to your New York office.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Administrative Director

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On August 27th, 1947, you came to our laboratory at Orgonon, Randolph, Maine, and stated that we have to file an application with the Food and Drug Administration for a permit to ship the orgone accumulator in interstate commerce. We filed this application with you in triplicate, giving you at the same time our literature on the orgone accumulator, such as instruction and construction sheets, etc., in triplicate.

You are probably familiar with the investigation which started after the application was filed. Having received no reply from the Food and Drug Administration in regard to our application for two years, we now inquired at the Washington office and learned to our amazement, that they know of no application, that they have no record of this application and furthermore, that the orgone accumulator, being a device, does not fall in their domain as "there is no provision in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act regarding the filing of any application with this Agency for devices".

We would appreciate it if you would inform us what happened to our application and the literature which we gave you two years ago, and on whose behalf you made your inspection here.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Administrative Director
Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of August 8, the investigation to which you refer was made on the instructions of this Administration and was begun on August 28, 1947, by Inspector Charles A. Wood of our Portland, Maine, Inspection Station.

Although there is no provision in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act which requires the filing of any application for devices, they are nevertheless subject to the provisions of that Act, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

A. G. Murray
Assistant to the Commissioner

Enclosure

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At the direction of this Administration, Inspector Wood visited the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc., Rangeley, Maine, on the afternoon of August 28, 1947 for the purpose of acquiring information to determine the type of activity in which this organization was engaged. This was a routine inspection in connection with the enforcement of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. At the time of Inspector Wood’s visit he obtained general information as to the type of business engaged in, and triplicate copies of labels and literature used in connection with the distribution of the Orgone Accumulator. He submitted these exhibits as a part of his inspection report dated August 28, 1947. His factory inspection is in no way an application by you for a permit to ship this device in interstate commerce.

Inspector Wood has advised me, and his reports reflect this statement, that he has at no time received from you an application which could be considered as one for a permit to ship this device in interstate commerce, nor has he at any time received an application from you under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

According to our records, Inspector Wood’s visit of August 28, 1947 was the first contact with your organization by this Administration. I note that you have recently been corresponding with the Administration in Washington regarding this subject and several letters have been addressed to you, the most recent dated August 15, 1949. Your letter to Inspector Wood indicates that you have interpreted the Administration’s correspondence with you as advice that the Orgone Accumulator, being a device, does not fall in the “domain” of this administration, as “there is no provision in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act regarding the filing of any application with this Agency for devices”. As you were advised by the Administration’s August 15, 1949 letter, devices are subject to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act although there is no provision in this Act which requires the filing of an application. A copy of the Act was enclosed with that letter.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

AUGUST 17, 1949

CHIEF, BOSTON DISTRICT
Dr. Wilhelm Reich, Author of "The Discovery of the Orgone"

Volume Two--The Cancer Biopathy is attracting international interest, used to be a well-known psychoanalyst.

His book "Character Analysis," recently published in a third, enlarged edition, is known as a "classic" in psychoanalytic literature. However, about 20 years ago Dr. Reich's research began to lead away from psychology, guided by a question which could not be answered within the realm of psychology:

"What is 'psychic energy'?" Dr. Reich's character-analytic technique--as distinguished from the old symptom and interpretation analysis--inevitably led from the psychological to the somatic sphere. This necessitated the elaboration of a new therapeutic technique, designed to deal with the physical energies in the patient. Bio-electrical experiments carried out by Dr. Reich about 1934 showed that the intensity of sensation on the body surface corresponds to the quantity of bio-electrical charge.

Dr. Reich's work shifted more and more from psychiatric practice to the biological laboratory. In the mid-thirties he discovered what he termed bions: vesicles charged with energy, constituting transitional forms between non-living and living matter. He succeeded in producing these bions from various inorganic and organic materials, thus demonstrating experimentally the process of biogenesis, the existence of which had been surmised for a very long time.

It was in cultures of certain bions derived from sand that Dr. Reich discovered an energy with marked biological action. He termed this energy Orgone.

Then followed a period of research devoted to the question as to how this...
biologically active orgone energy could be applied therapeutically. While experiments with the injection of certain biones in cancer mice were successful, the method proved cumbersome and time-consuming. It was, therefore, a great step ahead when Dr. Reich—after finding that the orgone energy existed not only in living organisms but also in the atmosphere—found a method of concentrating the orgone energy in a cabinet which came to be called the orgone accumulator.

This device makes it possible to charge the animal or human organism with orgone energy. The effects of this procedure have been most dramatically demonstrated in the case of cancer. Dr. Reich's cancer research has shown that the cancer tumor is not the cancer disease itself, but only one of its symptoms, and that the real cancer disease is what he termed the cancer biopathy, that is, a contraction with consequent shrinking of the autonomic life apparatus.

Research into the systematic application of the orgone energy in all kinds of biopathic diseases is the most important medical aspect of Dr. Reich's work. However, his work, for several years has been—and is apt to continue to be—concentrated on the formulation and elaboration of the basic natural laws of the diverse orgone functions. This will involve drastic revisions of long-adhered-to mechanistic formulations in the natural sciences.

Dr. Reich's chief activity is his research. Besides, he trains qualified physicians in the various aspects of orgony. He is director of the Orgone Institute, which coordinates research, teaching, and related activities. The pioneering character of the work necessitated the establishment of a publishing house—the Orgone Institute Press which has published a number of Dr. Reich's books and periodicals dealing with various aspects of orgony.

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NOTE: A special press interview for science and medical editors and writers will be held with Theodore P. Wolfe, M. D., 401 Eu. 56th St., New York, N. Y. on Friday, Oct. 21 at 3:00 P.M.
Dr. James A. Willis
232 Dover Road
Manhasset, New York

Dear Dr. Willis:

I have your letter of November 25th.

After the certificate of incorporation of the American Association for Medical Orgonomy was prepared and submitted to you for approval several questions arose which, it was felt, should be answered before the certificate was submitted to a judge of the Supreme Court for approval, and to the Secretary of State of New York for filing.

You may recall that about this time the Board of Education of the State of New York was raising serious questions as to the right of Dr. Reich to use the letters "M.O." Also, we understand it was looking into his right to teach orgonomy. At the same time there is still unanswered the question of the Food & Drug Administration. My understanding is that this matter has been dormant for many months and may, in fact, be a dead issue. Since we do not receive reports as to any possible activities of the Food & Drug Administration, we are dependent upon others associated with Dr. Reich to keep us informed on this point.

Our own feelings in the matter are that if the doctors engaged in the practice of medical orgonomy have any interest in organizing an association for the protection of themselves and others engaged in their work, and if they feel that the many attacks on Dr. Reich and his work have given up their mining at him to such an extent that they would not oppose the issuance of the certificate of incorporation, then we should proceed with the filing of the certificate.

If there is to be any question as to the rights of the association to exist as such, and these questions will not be determined until the matter is brought to a head, there can be little gained by waiting. If you feel that the association should exist and that you have an answer to all of the arguments which will be made against you by your opponents then our suggestion is that you submit the certificate and await developments.

If you or any of the other doctors would like to discuss this matter with us, we shall be pleased to give you our full opinion as to the results will be.

Yours very truly,

HAYS, ST. JOHN, ABRAMSON & SCHULMAN

December 5th, 1949

Dr. Julian Culver
Hayes, St. John, Abramson & Schulman
123 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Dr. Culver:

The attitude you express in your letter to me of December the fifth in regard to the incorporation of the American Association for Medical Orgonomy I find rather disturbing and somewhat shocking, in view of the liberality of your colleague Dr. Garfield Hayes, and in view of the fact that I assumed you were better informed about what has gone on in your office than you obviously show to be in this letter.

I fail to see what possible connection there could be between the right of Dr. Reich to use the letters "M.O." and (1) the State of New York looking into his right to teach medical orgonomy or (2) the question of the Food and Drug Administration making its attack on the orgone accumulator. I fail to see, in other words, what any of these three attacks have to do with the question of the incorporation of the American Association for Medical Orgonomy. As a matter of fact, Dr. Reich has been given the right to use the letters "M.O."

The State of New York is not looking into his right to teach "Medical Orgonomy" as this is a new science which was discovered by Dr. Reich, and his discovery gives him that right to teach in his modern field.

The Food and Drug Administration has given up its attack since they found that they had no right to investigate our research with the accumulator, but only when the accumulator was marked and labeled correctly. But even if all of these attacks had a semblance behind them, I still fail to see what connection they have with the job which we turned over to you to do. I sensed a timidity on your part in approaching this matter of incorporation.

Also the inference in your letter is that we are trying to incorporate the Association for the protection of ourselves and of others engaged in the work from the attacks from enemies. As a matter of fact this is not our motive. If you will read the "rubella" for incorporation of the Association you will remember that our purpose is in asking for incorporation, why should we need to be "protected"? And against what should we protect ourselves? It seems to me that you have yourselves locked in by the attacks that have been made by our enemies upon us. Marshall always have enemies no doubt. So why wait until they guilt-sinching? Shall we wait for the "infection" to come? I don't believe so. It seems to me that you have been unduly impressed by our various attackers and you are somewhat afraid of them. What if somebody does oppose the issuance of the petition of incorporation of the Association if we don't set it down before it has been done.
About all I read in your letter is the negative forces operating against our work and your overwinding to them. I am sure this must be unconscionable on your part. Then you make this statement: "If there is any question as to the "rights" of the Association to exist as such". This is a very stubborn statement. Of course it will have a right to exist, and in fact we have existed now for over a year. You delegate to our attackers apparently the right to decide whether or not we have the right to "exist"! It is apparent! Of course that some of our attackers may have to decide against our right to incorporate, but they cannot prevent our existing.

In view of the above, I see no need to submit the certificate to you to handle for us. It seems to me that you have sold out to our enemy. I think we need a more aggressive person, one who will not be overly-intimidated with the attacks of emotional forces against our work. As I understand it, when a lawyer takes a case he is usually on the side of the client. It appears to me that you have very definitely, according to your letter, at least, left the client-he-it may be unconsciously-intimidated by an enemy. Under these conditions it would be very unwise for you to go into court for us.

I hope sincerely that your attitudes do not reflect those of Mr. Garfield or the other attorneys in your office. If such were the case the Association would not want the matter handled by that office.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Jan. A. Allie, Jr.

Nos. 206 through 223

See: Special Membership File #1, Supplement No. 2
Dear Dr. Meyer:

The work on Reich to which you refer in your recent letter was in the hands of the editors of Psychiatry for about a half a year and, after much deliberation, they decided against publishing it, since, in their opinion, Reich's ideas on phalintrophy do not deserve the dignity of serious treatment. Meanwhile, however, many laymen take ergon therapy quite seriously.

I understand that Dr. Thompson in her recent book on psycho-analysis has referred to my criticism of Reich. Since I have not read the book yet, you may get the exact page reference from her in New York.

The article which I wrote originally was written by request from the editors of the journal Politics, which since then has gone bankrupt. So all I have to send you is my only carbon copy of the Politics article. Please return this to me and keep in mind while reading it, that it was written primarily for lay consumption.

Sincerely,

Theodore S. Hauschka

TSH:jrc

Enclosure
Dear Dr. Meyer:

Thank you for your interest in my evaluation of Wilhelm Reich's cancer biopathy. "The more scholarly article" submitted to Psychiatry to which you refer was in actuality only a slightly changed version of what you have already read. It was sent in to the journal by Dr. Thompson who wanted it published there as she was referring to my views in her recent book.

In one sense I agree with the editors of Psychiatry when they express the notion that "serious" experimentation along the orgone path might lend an aura of scientific sanction to Reich's monomania. My main reason for repeating the experiment with charcoal particles was to satisfy myself on possible optical illusions which may have led him to postulate the evaluation of "bions" into problems. There are no other investigators in the many realms now working on the fringes of cancer research that have taken Reich seriously. An authority on cosmic ray influences in carcinogenesis is Dr. Fugé at the University of Maryland Medical School. This worker might have some ideas on what a Geiger counter should do inside a contraption such as the orgone accumulator within which you might have a slight concentration of cosmic ray showers. No bacteriologist would undertake, at this day and age, experimentation on problems on spontaneous generation. You will, therefore, have to confine yourself to the purely psycho-analytic evaluations of Reich's system which had several good aspects before he went overboard with the "bions" and "orgone." Among his worthwhile contributions is especially his system of muscular contraction patterns and their bearing on neurotic and psychotic phenomena.

Yours most sincerely,

Theodore S. Kauschka

Alvin P. Meyer, M.D.
157 East 82nd Street
New York 28, New York

Dr. Clara Thompson

New York

June 14th, 1950

The Institute for Cancer Research

Dear Dr. Thompson:

We received the report that in your book "Psychoanalysis, Evolution and Development" Harmer Press, 1950, you published the following footnote on page 199:

"Dona of his 'Reich's experiments have been repeated with negative results by T. Haischka, senior member in charge of the Department of Experimental Zoology at The Institute for Cancer Research. (Report to be published shortly.)"

Would you be kind enough to inform us on the basis of which published or private information this footnote was printed. Would you also be kind enough to give us the exact source of your information. As you may well understand, the issue of Reich's cancer experiments is of such importance that such statements must be well founded and documented.

Sincerely yours;

Theodore S. Haischka

RETURN RECEIPT

Date of delivery
Miss Ilse Allendorff,
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation,
59-05 Sixty-ninth Avenue,
Forest Hills, N. Y.

Dear Miss Allendorff:

Your letter of June 14th addressed to
Dr. Clara Thompson has been forwarded to us in
Dr. Thompson's absence. Dr. Thompson is presently in Europe. I have sent her a copy of your
letter and will be in further touch with you as soon
as I have had her comments thereon.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Wels
Spontaneous generation of life from dead matter has always meant heresy both for the believers in divine genesis (Omne Vivum ex Deo) and the disciples of Francesco Redi's biogenesis (Omne Vivum ex ovo). These two schools of thought, though superficially antithetical, represent no real impasse between God and the Egg, but simply fail to bridge the entropy between deus and ovum with protein molecules. For so deep is their awe of protoplasmic complexity that the origin of life's miraculous jelly from a few common chemical elements is unthinkable.

To this the physicist might add that the mere existence of organisms and of the macromolecules composing them is highly improbable on free energy grounds, since the laws of thermodynamics lead perpetually toward equilibrium and death.

Modern biology, with its refined tools and quantitative micro-methods, has only just begun to scratch the surface of cellular physics and chemistry. Hence, no biologist in his right mind would seriously undertake experiments designed to create new life in test tubes. Scientists agree, however, that no matter how improbable the accident of life might seem on the basis of chance combinations - at one time in the history of this universe spontaneous generation must have taken place under environmental conditions not duplicated since an estimated billion years ago.

The original living mixture or compound may have had simpler properties than any organism now existing, perhaps it resembled the viruses which even today might conceivably evolve de novo in the protein kitchens of living cells. Orthodox biology would not venture beyond such purely hypothetical considerations in the present state of its limited factual knowledge. Not so Wilhelm Reich, discoverer of the "Bion" and the "Orgone."

The orgone, measured in org units, has nothing in common with the old-fashioned erg. It represents a "newly discovered form of energy, totally different from electricity and magnetism." It is free life-energy and may be found all around us, even in the atmosphere. It invalidates the second law of thermodynamics. Organic materials, such as flesh or wood, attract it, so that it can be captured for the benefit of organs consumers in the so-called "orgone accumulator," a patented hat-box made of cellulose, rock wool and asbestos.

The visible vesicles of orgonotic force is the Bion, with the aid of an ordinary light-microscope at magnifications over 2000 diameters, Reich sees and describes two kinds of Bions: the good blue Bions and the evil black Bions or T-biosidii (T. stands for Tod - death; orthodox bacteriology knows no such basiliscus). The blue Bions abound in healthy individuals while the black ones are indicative of biopsy, i.e., living death. Reich's diagnostic cancer tests, for instance, are based on the ratio between blue and black Bions in cooked blood.

What then is the evidence for orgone energy in which Reich believes to have found the biological extension of Einstein's matter-energy equation? While peering through his microscope he contracted conjunctivitis. He blamed this on orgone radiation emanating from the blue Bions. A wart on his face mysteriously disappeared when he held a Bion culture against it. Women with uterine cancer or with gynecological infections feel severely irritated after a few minutes of intravaginal treatment with Bion test tubes. Furthermore, one can measure orgone energy with a sensitive electroscope and one can see a bluish orgone glimmer through a wooden tube, called the orgonoscope, if one looks at interstellar spaces on clear dry summer nights in Maine. For this reason the non-profit research institute called "Organon" was founded in Maine. Finally, patients often emerge from sessions in the orgone accumulator with a slight temperature. It is warmer inside the box (Xo) than outside (T). Xo minus T is always a positive value.

All this "evidence" can be interpreted more traditionally, without hitting
the orgone trail, viz: hystrean often causes conjunctivitis; warts have sometimes responded to psychotherapy; a cold dry test tube could irritate an inflamed vagina; there are such things as atmospheric and static electricity; bio-electric potential differences have been measured in all kinds of life; Maine is famous for its displays of northern Lights, and it could be uncomfortably warm inside a steamer trunk.

Bionogenesis vs. Biogenesis

Reich describes in detail how he made bions, minute packages of orgone energy, in test tubes from inanimate matter, such as beef broth, charcoal earth, cheese or sand, and how under bacteriologically sterile conditions these living bions later condensed and developed into amoebae and other kinds of single-celled animals (protosoa). This, of course, amounts to experimentally controlled spontaneous generation. As a professional protosoologist working for the past seven years in cancer research, I was curious to see for myself what pitfalls and misinterpretations might have led Dr. Reich to his revolutionary conclusions. I therefore repeated one of his bion experiments (done by mixing incandescent carbon dust with sterile bouillon and potassium chloride) and observed the results under the prescribed microscopic magnifications with the best specromatic objectives available in the U.S. and also with modern Phase-contrast optics. Where Reich's inflamed eyes had seen blue bions (blue is "the specific color of biological plasma energy"), my research assistants and I saw the usual range of color, blue, yellow, red, depending on chromatic aberration in particles of certain shapes and in depth of focus. The smallest grana exhibited typical Brownian movement, which is due to molecular bombardment, and not to some mysterious free life energy. Occasional jery movements of some of the larger particles were the consequence of currents in the liquid caused by heat emanating from the microscope condenser. Migration in an electrical field and affinity for the bacteriological Gram stain (which means life to Reich) could certainly be ascribed to the protein coating on the carbon particles rather than to life properties. Not only did I see no bions in my sterile "bion-cultures", but no bacteria or other forms of life developed in these test tubes, as was to be expected. Could it be that standard bacteriological techniques are more foolproof than the methods of Reich who simply dismisses the "antiquated germ theory" and admits that he "was in the habit of letting preparations stand in order to see what finally became of them"?

He apparently did not realize that even originally sterile, cotton-plugged test tubes containing a nutrient may become contaminated by moldspores which fall on the cotton, and - atmospheric moisture permitting - will grow long strands of living protoplasm right down through the cotton into the tube. His inability to find germs in the air or in non-sterile water is not blamed on the inadequacy of his laboratory procedures but is held sufficient evidence against the existence of air germs, which he dismisses as a "superstitious belief of biology." Conclusion: Protosoa which are found in his infusions must have arisen there spontaneously. By the same logic I might ask an arbitrary 2000 pedestrians: have you ever witnessed the death of an owl? The answer would almost certainly be NO. Conclusion: Owls are immortal, stuffed owls being the rare exceptions which prove the rule.

Reich, anticipating the inability of orthodox microscopists to repeat him, gives us two reasons why we can't do it. First, we might be orgonotically out of tune, i.e. incapable of full orgastic potency, and secondly we are unfamiliar with "functional thinking." In plain language, functional thinking a la Reich is wishful thinking so intense that one's experiments always corroborate one's intuitions. The results are, therefore, "honest", but one's entire Weltanschauung becomes a paranoid mass.

For example: "The amoebae and other protosoa in grass infusions are the cancer cells of the disintegrating grass." Cancer is the consequence of an "anxiety attack in the moist of suffocating tissue."
Cancer cells are nothing but protozoa which is an animal organism developed from tissue bions." "Individual tissue of the mesosomal (many-celled) organism develop into protozoas of different size and shape. If this process were not stopped by early death the cancer mouse or the cancer patient would change completely into protozoas." A sorry prospect indeed, and to me, the ultimate in scleroid experience meaning substitution of a billion ameboid individualities for the disintegrating ego. I also did not know that "many cancer cells have a tail and move in the manner of fish." Perhaps they are trying desperately to be spermatocysts, for cancer, according to Reich, is the direct consequence of sexual stasis and pleasure starvation.

Here we strike the core of his thesis, the cancer "biopathy" (a term coined by Reich) and its basis, impaired organic functioning.

**Biopathy vs. Biopsy**

Biopsy is the traditional diagnostic procedure for cancer and means identification of excised tissue by a competent pathologist. A biopsy will tell you whether a growth is malignant or benign, whether it has metastasized or whether it is simply an abscess. Reich is not bound by such standard procedures, hence can't always be sure whether he is really dealing with cancer. Witness page 175: "In order not to frighten the patient I refrained from having a biopsy done." Why bother with biopsies? Simply substitute the vague new diagnosis "biopathy" and cure with painless organs instead of the surgeon's knife. This would appeal to all those with a natural fear of surgery and might cause fatal delays in adequate treatment.

The "biopathies", viz. insanity, cardiovascular disease, cancer, suicide, criminality, are "endemic diseases of the population of the earth" with "essentially a social causation and are basically diseases resulting from sexual stasis." The central mechanism of biopathy is a "disturbance in the discharge of biosexual excitation." "Cancer is a sexual biopathy or sex-starvation disease, therefore, sex-economy (a new branch of economics) and cancer research are inseparable."

Logical consequence: The organism degenerates into cancer prophylaxis. These intuitive generalizations are based on an admittedly limited number of cancer patients and 179 white mice. The incidence of tumors in mice, Reich feels, was high because the sex-life of a laboratory mouse is not normal. For the opposite reason "primitive people with a relatively natural sex-life are relatively free from cancer." Orthodox answer: Primitive people usually die of some other disease before they attain cancer age. As for the private affairs of mice, I would like to counter fiction with facts: In the Strong-a-strain of mice, used widely in cancer research, about 70% of breeding females (i.e. females with normal sex life) die of breast tumors, while only 5% of virgin mice contract cancer. In this case, sexual stasis does not cause malignancy but prevents it; but I should hesitate to let this finding tempt me into recommending nation-wide celibacy as a means of cancer-prevention.

In his eagerness to document his eugenic concept of the cosmos, Reich resorts to such nonsequiturs as "Massachusetts contraception laws go hand in hand with high cancer death rate." Lots of things go hand in hand only statistically, without any causal correlation whatever. Any objective analysis of Massachusetts cancer mortality would have to take into account the medical-diagnostic facilities of the state; the ratio of autopsies to deaths; the kind of records kept by the Department of Public Health; the average age of the population; the prevailing diet; industrial and automotive contaminants in atmosphere and drinking water; incidence of infectious diseases; genetic considerations, and so on.

The osteosarcoma due to radium emanation in the U.S., male spinner's cancer in England, bladder cancer among aniline dye workers in Germany, betel nut cancer in Siam, lung cancer in Kashmir show as clearly as the experimental findings of "orthodox cancer research" in mice that potentialities for tumor formation are many and that Reich's sexual stasis is certainly not the common denominator through which 200 odd carcinogens could change normal cells into malignant ones.
Measured by the criteria of legitimate scientific procedure, Helich's experiments amount to so much ergonotic pottering; nevertheless, he feels justified in "healing" cancer victims in the orgone accumulator. He has done this free of charge in some cases and in accordance with the patient's means in others. He holds out no hope for anyone on page 270, where he emphasizes the disappointments and failures; but on page 276 "breast tumors disappear in the course of 2-3 weeks."

A desperate patient is naturally going to cling to the straw on page 275, especially if Helich tells her that 37 cancer mice placed in the orgone accumulator "recovered rapidly and their tumors ceased to grow or they even receded." (Does Helich know that certain kinds of mouse tumors recede of their own accord without treatment?) This advertisement is coupled with the misrepresentation of fact that "never before in the history of cancer research had it been possible to reduce a cancer tumor or even to make it disappear." (Bacterial and other preparations have cured many experimental mouse tumors, to say nothing of x-ray).

Aside from the usually fatal consequences of delay in treating cancer by accepted means, no direct harm could come from sitting in an orgone accumulator for half an hour every day. For the susceptible individual the situation might symbolize a return to the womb, wherein he waits for rebirth naked, warm, surrounded by amniotic darkness and by the soothing consciousness of being refueled with cosmic energy. Helich himself admits having sat in his accumulator with his tongue out until he felt a prickling sensation, indicative (to him) of oscillating orgones. What is this, if not a rehearsal of fetal lip-smacking?

Present day psychoanalytic trends show moderation in being guided by Freud's sex-automaton, to which - and far beyond which - Helich reverts with messianic monomania. He refers to himself as a "sex-economist" and to his research as "sexological". All physiological phenomena are interpreted through the "orgasm formula: Tension - Charge - Discharge - Relaxation." The fusion of coal with earth-bions "presents clearly every phase of copulation." He renames the graceful, bell-like infusoria, called Vorticella, "orgonozoa, because of the orgasm-like contraction and expansion," and he declares that the crawling movements of worms have not been studied by orthodox physiologists because they are "too reminiscent of the sexual acts in the animal world." Even cell division becomes "an ergonomic process in the strict sense of equalization of excessive biologic energy."

Hence, exaggerated ergonic potency leads to uncontrolled cell division which is cancer. "It is gratifying," he says, "that it was the sex economic branch of biopsychiatry which succeeded in solving the riddle of cancer disease and pointing to a method of preventing it," and he quotes a patient asking him, quite logically: "When are you going to report?"

If Helich were a quack - and he most assuredly is not - he could never have dreamed up this nightmare of a book. - a waste of enthusiasm and disoriented scientific curiosity is a classic of systematized self-delusion, quite capable of deluding others as well. "It is all possible he is deadly serious, hence more convincing than a quack. His pathetic lack of humor paired with his invectives against genetics ("the theory of heredity is not a science but an ethical admixture") and the "metaphysical germ theory" put him in a class with the Soviet pseudo-scientist Lysenko who also is alleged to contradict. Unable to rebuff his critics with science, Helich openly declares himself out of bounds: "It is the responsibility of a writer not to impede the life-saving effect of the orgone...we must know that indirectly he kills people when he agitates against us." I humbly apologize to my readers for indirectly killing some of them; but if I didn't, the T-bacilli might.
Correction regarding a Control of Reich's Cancer Experiments

Dr. Clara Thompson in her recent book, "STIMULATION: EVOLUTION AND DECOMPOSITION," 1960, writes on page 289:

"Reich's later ideas wander far from the field of psychoanalytic thinking (which is true - Ed.) and have not been confirmed by others" (which is not true - Ed., italics the Editor's).

She continues in a footnote:

"Some of his experiments have been repeated with negative results by F. Hauschka, senior member in charge of the Department of Experimental Zoology, the Institute for Cancer Research. (Shortly to be published)."

Now, this is quite a sweeping and also highly irresponsible statement on Reich's biological and physical work with orgone energy of 20 years' standing.

The archives of the Orgone Institute are in possession of Dr. Hauschka's paper which had not been published and will not be published. Hauschka wrote in answer to an inquiry:

"I attempted to repeat Dr. Reich's charcoal-beef-broth-bion experiments, but were unable to convert inanimate matter into living organisms under our sterile procedures.

Hauschka has studied "THE BIOENERGY" by Wilhelm Reich, and easily sees that Hauschka had not repeated, but had only tried to repeat the coal bion experiment; an experiment which every medical or scientific student in the Orgone Institute must be able to perform. Hauschka has seen moving coal bions, according to his manuscript, but he has failed to answer the refutation of Reich's treatise. He has also failed to even mention or look at the preparations which have no movement and whose movement stop after a while. "Moreover, furthermore has Reich claimed to "convert inanimate matter into living organisms." What he has claimed was that bions are energy vesicles which carry bio-energy and are responsible NOT for "spontaneous generation," a wholly misleading term, but for the natural organization of protoses in plant tissue and cancer cells in animal tissue from decaying living material.

Hauschka has not done a single observation or a single experiment in any way connected with cancer; he has not proved the existence of protoses in the air as required; he has not observed orgone energy in the darkroom; he has not done Experiment XX; he has not cultivated T-bacilli from cancer tissue, astonomising for a zoologist working in the field of cancer and "controlling" experiments related to cancer; he has not used nor sat in an orgone accumulator; he has not experimented with orgone energy in cancer mice or cancerous humans; he has not looked at the blood of cancerous organisms; he has not acquainted himself with the phenomena of cancerous shrinking of the organism, the background of the local tumor, as described carefully and extensively in "THE BIOENERGY" by Wilhelm Reich; he has not observed living cancer cells as required by Reich at 2000x magnification in a living state; he has not made cultures from blood and tissues of cancer mice and cancerous human beings as required; he has not observed carefully and over long periods of time, as Reich did, the developments in decaying grass or moss; he has not paid attention at all to the many clear-cut microphotographs; and he has done none of the numerous other observations and experiments related to and essential for the proper evaluation of Reich's bio-energetic orgone experiments, as done by Reich, Du Veil, Wolfe, Heppe, S. Vrepp, Anderson, Atkin, Faumann, and numerous other people. He has not even considered the basic method of thinking and experimenting which have been extensively presented in the Orgone Energy Bulletin; he has not noticed that an entirely new approach to the riddle of cancer has been established. He has acted like a steam engine engineer who controls an airplane by operating a single screw from the chassis, then stating that it cannot fly.

Therefore, it can be stated that no control whatsoever was performed by Hauschka, furthermore, that his paper constitutes no valid material on which to base such a sweeping, irresponsible and careless statement as that contained in Clara Thompson's book. The motives of such remarks have obviously nothing whatsoever to do with any serious interest in cancer or in Reich's bio-energetic work.
June 20th, 1950

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Archives of the Ozone Institute

Dear Dr. Hauschka:

The book by Dr. Thompson, "Psychoanalysis: Evolution, and Development," contains a footnote on page 189 which says:

Some of his experiments have been repeated with negative results by T. Hauschka, senior member, in charge of the Department of Experimental Zoology, The Institute for Cancer Research. (Report shortly to be published.)

We would appreciate it very much if you would tell us where your article appeared so that we may get acquainted with the orgonome cancer experiments you have made. We do not have to stress the paramount importance of the issue involved.

Sincerely yours,

Administrative Director
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Mt. Sinai Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
Magee State Hospital, Indiana, Calif.
New Jersey State Hospital, Trenton, N. J.
New York State Skin and Cancer Unit, New York City
Norristown State Hospital, Norristown, Pa.
New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, New York City
Notre Dame Memorial Institute, Louisville, Ky.
National Hospital for Speech Disorders, New York City
Newton Infirmary, Newton, Mississippi
New York Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, New York City
Northwestern University Hospital, Chicago, Ill.
Presbyterian Hospital, New York City
Psychological Clinic, Cambridge, Mass.
Jersey City General Hospital, Jersey City, N. J.
Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, New York City
Queens General Hospital, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Osteopathic State Hospital, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Royal Victoria Infirmary Research Institute, Newcastle on Tyne, England
St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
Sydenham Hospital, New York City
State hospital, Marlboro, New Jersey
State Hospital, Greystone Park, New Jersey
State Hospital, Morristown, N. J.
State Hospital, Independence, Iowa
State Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.
State Hospital, Concord, Conn.
Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York
Society of the Y.W. Hospital, New York City
State Island Hospital, State Island, New York
Sprain Lake Hospital, Yonkers, N. Y.
Soman Station Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.
Soman Hospital, Salford, Field, Mich.
Station Hospital, Fort Ord, Calif.
Toronto General & Western General Hospital, Toronto, Ont., Canada
Tuberculosis Hospitals, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Travestock Clinic, London, England
University Hospital & Neuropsychiatric Institute, Ann Arbor, Mich.
University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison, Wis.
University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Va.
U.S. Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va.
Wister County Tuberculosis Hospital, Kingston, N. Y.
Veterans Administration
Winter V.A. Hospital, Topeka, Kansas

Chas. V. A. Hospital, Framingham, Mass.

V.A., Los Angeles, Calif.

V.A. Mental Hygiene Clinic, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wallace V.A. Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.

V.A. Hospital, Kano, Kano
Miss Ilse Allendorff, 
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation, P.O. Box 3042, 
99-06 Sixty-ninth Avenue, 
Forest Hills, N.Y.

Dear Miss Allendorff:

Since writing you on June 20th last, I
have been in communication with Mr. Theodore S.
Hauschka, of the Institute for Cancer Research, whose
findings with respect to his repeating of Dr. Reich's
experiments were reported by Dr. Thompson at page
190 of her book PSYCHOANALYSIS: EVOLUTION AND DEVELO-
PMENT. Mr. Hauschka has confirmed to me that he
did indeed repeat with negative results some of Dr.
Reich's experiments and that he had acquainted Dr.
Thompson with those findings.

Mr. Hauschka sent me an excerpt from his
unpublished article which sets forth in detail the
manner in which he repeated those experiments and the
basis for his conclusions. I do not feel free to
forward to you these excerpts from Mr. Hauschka's
unpublished article but I have no doubt that if you
communicate with him at the Institute for Cancer
Research in Philadelphia, he will be glad to make the
material available to you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Wels
Dr. Clara Thompson
12 East 68th Street
New York, New York

July 17, 1949

Dear Dr. Thompson,

I have just completed reading your book, "Psychanalytical Research and Development" (1945) and must express to you for a long time, thoughts I have had about it. Dr. Joseph G. Thompson, was also my analyst (1937-45), and he again very highly of you, proudly remarking one time that you were the best psychanalyst in New York. We also have a mutual friend in New York City, Dr. Pearl Buckwold.

Shortly before Dr. Thompson's death, I had begun generating, as a lay psychanalyst, and continued in this profession until coming to New York in October, 1949, to study with Dr. Wilhelm Reich at the Orgone Institute in Forest Hills. During the years 1987-86, I held a research fellowship at the University of California for the study of psychic psycagnosta (the term then in use) (really biogeometric) factors in the etiology of cancer, which study was carried on by the interviewing of cancer patients admitted through the Alameda County and the University of California Hospitals. As a Biologist (Ph.D. in Ecology, with a minor in Physiology, from the University of California in 1987), my interest has been focused on biological functioning in health and disease, which interest was shared by Dr. Thompson.

In looking up references to cancer, I came across the publications of Dr. Wilhelm Reich, in the International Journal of Psychoanalysis and Orgone Research, 1943-48. Remarkably, his observations had made concerning psycagnosta and the mechanisms of reorganization in the lives of persons who developed cancer had been thoroughly studied by Dr. Reich. Moreover, he had already solved the riddle as to how these formations become operative in the production of cancer. (See "The Cancer Hypothesis," by Wilhelm Reich, Orgone Institute Press, 1943.) The truth of any of his statements was immediately apparent to me as a psychotherapist and a biologist, and on the basis of my data on cancer patients. Others were confirmed during this year of Reich's studies. Beginning the first of January, 1949, the site of a new leuka-biomorphic microscope with psycagnosta lenses and a magnification faster of 4/4 in the angle of illumination, I have been repeating Dr. Reich's observations on the nature of reorganization of psycagnosta-called reactors from the brain or dissimilarizing grass and plant lenses. It is a very thrilling and fruitful experience. Other bios degenerate into bacteria, or even into spores. The bacteria, in turn, form a mass and become immediately revert to being, which again can be observed forming into psycagnosta. It is a never ceasing cycle.

I have observed the bios formed from charcoal in heated to insensibilities and plunged into benzolene and HCl. Their behavior cannot be explained by human movements. (See "Cancer Hypothesis," pg 23) I have observed bios formed from small fires, heated to insensibilities and then inclosed in agar. I have observed the n-bios that develop from degenerated bacteria and from degenerated blood in the living state with high magnification, and, under the dark field, in stained preparations, some of which I have made myself. Their appearance and characteristics movements are indelible once one has learned to know them. I have repeated Experiment IX, which is biologically and have obtained the psycagnosta fibres. This is a veritable experience and should be made by anyone seeking to confirm Dr. Reich's work. The observations I have made have been made by many others, are in fact

Sincerely yours,

Helen B. McDonald, Ph.D.
(Formerly Dr. Helen McDonald Steinfeld)
(see "American Medical Research" for biographical sketch)

Home Address: 2311 Oak Street
Berkeley 6, California
Our nursery school has a psychiatric clinic for the children where both parents and teachers feel are emotionally disturbed. This in itself is a good thing. However, a group of us feel that the psychiatric approach is wrong, and the use of organ therapy, destructive.

The majority, however, are so imbued with Reichian theory that the level of the school and thinking of the parents has been influenced to the point where everyday problems that common sense can handle suddenly become monstrous symptoms of future mental disorder, and the child is sent for treatment.

Some of us have opposed this and expressed disapproval, taking some action by inviting speakers and authorities on psychiatry with a different approach. This has not changed the overall policy and youngsters continue to be subjected for long periods of time to organ therapy.

It seems to me that open discussion of problems with a well-trained psycho-social worker who can recommend psychiatrists of standing, when the need demands it, should suffice for our children as they are not all problems.

Will you tell us your opinion about organ therapy and the Reichian approach to psychiatry, and suggest ways to counteract this wave which has swept through our area and is affecting our youngsters.

Answer by Dr. Franzblau:

An article that appeared in the New Republic of May 26, 1947, called the "Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich," gives the history of Wilhelm Reich, his contributions to the field of psychoanalysis in the nineteen-twenties, and his later attempt to apply the organ theory to political activity.

The author of this article states, "Meanwhile he had been running into trouble with the scientific and as well. Freud himself saw fit to take issue with him, and in 1934 Reich was expelled from the International Psychoanalytical Association."

The editors of the Journal of the American Medical Association saw fit to reprint this article in their own publication in March, 1948. The editors noted that, as far as they could determine, the presentation of the "Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich" was a valid one.

The statement by the editors also says that, since the author of the article had suggested that members of the medical profession had not made sufficient effort to warn the public of their non-approval of Reich, they had decided to reprint the New Republic article for the benefit of their readers. They repeat the fact of his expulsion from the International Psychoanalytical Association was because of his complete ideological departure from the psychoanalytic field.

To quote: "His present interests, theories and practices involving the organ secretory theory and the discovery of organs have nothing to do with psychoanalysis and are not accepted as such by and of the leaders in psychoanalysis today."

As of today, this much has been ascertained. As for his own group, his present theories and practices have received no recognition by the psychoanalytic or psychiatric groups in America.

Reich NOT A Member of Accredited Associations

He is not a member of the American Psychanalytic Association or of the American Psychiatric Association. Whether he applied and was rejected, or never applied at all, one does not know.

We are instructed to judge professional standing in this country by membership in the American professional organizations. These professional groups have high standards for the protection of the integrity of their own fields. By preserving these, they also protect the general public whom they serve.

These professional groups have not sanctioned his methods and they have not sponsored his approaches.

It would seem that if this nursery school is like most others, the great majority of its children would be normal, with the ordinary everyday problems of all normal, growing youngsters. The occasional behavior problems that arise should not get the
standard of procedure and therapy for all the other children. There is no logic in
gearing the handling of a whole group of normal children to that of a few maladjusted
ones.

Sometimes, the cure prescribed can create such anxiety that it is worse than the
disease. This would be true in this case, according to your description.

In any event, you are evidently a private school. If the group of mothers who
wrote this letter find themselves at such variance with its clinical practices,
perhaps the best solution would be to withdraw their children from the school.

To subject your children to an approach of which you disapprove and which is so
disturbing to you, is too fraught with tensions for you and therefore for them.

The individuals who will be most adversely affected are, of course, your children.
Mr. William Fowler
Ogunonas, Me.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

It has been reported to us that you have on several occasions publicly called Orgone a "communist outfit" or a "group of communists." At first, we could not believe that these reports were true since you have been treated kindly at Orgone and have been given several orgonomic books to read.

I would like to ask you in clear-cut fashion whether or not the reports are true. If they are not true, we shall be glad. If they are true, we would appreciate it if you would tell us on what grounds you define the Orgone Institute. Any one of our books or periodicals could have clearly shown you that the red fascists have been our worst enemies for 20 years, and that the Orgone Institute is in the forefront of the fight against red fascism.

A copy of this letter will be sent to our lawyers.

May we hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Byron R. Sharaf
Arts, in Public Relations for the Wilhelm Reich Foundation
No.1. We did not originally start with an attempt to find a cancer cure and we never claimed to have found a perfect cancer cure. On the contrary, it was organic which always emphasized the fact that the cancer problem is much more complicated, far beyond mere medical pathology, reaching into history, human sex-economy, social instruction, early thinking upbringing, etc., etc. It is far more complicated and deep-going than what is represented by the so-called "official" cancer associations.

No.2. What organic has done was to solve the riddle of the origin of the cancer cell and the actual problem of its background of the local cancer tumor. ("Cancerous shrinking biopathy"). This has definitely been accomplished and has opened up a vast vista for future work.

No.3. The solution of the problem of the cancer cell and of the background of the cancer tumor has not been reached by conscious intent; it was incidental to the much more basic work on human bio-energy functions and the consecutive discovery of the atomosphere and the cosmic organic energy. Seen from this point of view, the cancer tumor and even the shrinking biopathy constitute only small sectors of a far wider realm of inquiry. It is also true that there is no hope of ever approaching the cancer problem without having the total bio-energetic, social, educational and even cosmic existence of man constantly in focus.

From these three basic points, the following emerges in a crystal-clear manner:

We cannot recognize any of the existing organizations which deal with the cancer problem as authorities in matters of [organon] cancer research. Accordingly, we cannot understand any circumstances which are so-called control of organic bio-and cancer research by representatives of a branch of science which has a far narrower and far more superficial base of operation than ours; and which, in addition to obstructing and slandering our work, has so thoroughly overlooked the ([organon], the endogenous origin of the cancer cells, etc.) to submit to any cancer society for judgment of our work would be comparable to submitting the judgment of a jet plane to the manufacturer of a piper cub, or to having submitted the judgment of the electric bulb to the manufacturer of wax candles.

I assure you that these statements are far from containing the intent of hurting anybody's feelings or of underrating the magnificent work which has been done over the years by scientists working in the field of classical cancer research. I have, in my book on the
Deer Dr. Reich:

At the Medical Association meeting on Tuesday, the question of the emergency fund was discussed, and unanimously agreed upon by all members of the Association. I see, that the monthly contributions of seventy-five dollars each member will be given freely, and with good will. I am sending you the recordings which I made at the meeting so that you may listen to the discussion which took place on the evening of the meeting.

I have another matter to discuss with you that I think is important and urgent. There have been many rumors in the past years about your alleged insanity, but I have never, until now, seen anyone who has put such a diagnosis in print. In 1941, the first edition of a book called The Mask of Sanity by Harry Stack Offenheimer; Psychiatry and Neurology, University of Georgia School of Medicine, Augusta, Georgia appeared. This book consisted of a presentation of twelve cases of psychopathic personalities and rapidly became the leading text on the psychopathic personality. It is to be found in the libraries of every medical school and every mental institution, and it, I believe, used as a textbook in courses of psychiatry in most of the medical schools in this country. The second edition appeared in 1950. In reading through the first section, Chapter One, the heading of which is "Personality: A Problem Concept," I was shocked to find that he had included you as an example of the psychopath. Included in this chapter is a brief history of psychopathic religious sects, and so on. I will quote for you the portion which he devotes to you. "Few, if any, who profess on the grounds of mystical insight or special revelation to conclusions opposite to those reached by some who profess, and are firmly believe, they are copies within the methods of science. A notable example is furnished by the listed in American Men of Science whose earlier work in psychopathology was disregarded by many as valuable. (The bibliography reference to this statement comes from the

Sincerely yours,

Allen Cott, M.D.
Report of contact with Kenneth Wilbur

September 25, 1950

Ms. Ilse Ollendorff, Assistant
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
99-06 Sixty-Ninth Avenue
Forest Hills, New York

Dear Mrs. Ollendorff:

In response to your letter I wish to inform you that I have never visited the Orgone Institute. You must have been misinformed that I said I had.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Hoch, M. D.

According to a statement in a letter from Dr. Willy to the Orgone Institute, Wilbur is said to have made the statement that he discussed with me rumors about Orgone and that he would not want to be in my house for anything. This is not true.

I saw Wilbur several times during the process of moving into his house. On one occasion he said that he had heard some bad things about Orgone, but refused to disclose whether the source or content. He then said that someone had told him of an article in the Rangeley paper (Dr. Baker's) which advocated free love. He again refused to give the source. I explained to him how he was protecting a slanderer, and therefore furthering a vicious process. He said that I was probably right, and related an example of how he himself had been the subject of rumor and prejudice. He then said that he would read the article in the paper, and if it did not correspond to the rumor, he would take it up with the rumor-sounder himself.

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Dear Dr. Tallafere,

After receiving your last letter regarding Dr. Paul Hoch's article at the Psychomanałytics Society in Buenos Aires and his statement that he had visited the Orgone Institute, I wrote to Dr. Hoch asking him when and on what occasion he was at the Institute. I think you will be interested in the letter which I received from Dr. Hoch:

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The F.B.I. man showed Miss Drager his credentials. He said that he had a number of signed statements from some of the people in the town about the camp. He had heard that it was a "nudist camp." Miss Drager replied that it was not. The agent seemed skeptical and asked "Sure about that?" Miss Drager replied that no one made it a practice to go nude, that the children were never nude in town or when visitors were around, and there were very few instances of the children being nude at all. The agent asked if adolescent boys and girls engaged in sexual activity at the camp. Miss Drager said there were no adolescents at all at the camp, that the oldest child was 10. The agent said: "But you do live together?" Miss Drager: "We live as one family, eat together, play together. The children sleep in two large rooms."

Miss Drager asked who were the people who made these statements. The agent answered he couldn't disclose the names but they were responsible citizens. He went on to ask if she knew of any enemies who could have reported these rumors. Miss Drager said she did
not know of any 

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The agent asked if she had any connection with the Orgone Institute. She answered no. He asked if she had any connection with Dr. Willie's camp. She said no, that she didn't know Dr. Willie had any camp. She asked what kind of children they had at the camp, whether they were mentally retarded or had any other illness. She replied no, that some had problems of an emotional kind, just as many children do who are not considered especially sick. He said he had the report that the camp was "a feeder" of children to Dr. Willie and the Orgone Institute, after being "worked on" at the camp. Miss Dreger denied all this categorically, and said there was no connection whatsoever between the camp and Dr. Willie and the Orgone Institute. The agent asked her what went on at Orgonon, about "the treatment there," "the box," etc. Miss Dreger said she did not have any connection with Orgonon, that scientific work went on at Orgonon, and that she had a speaking acquaintance with Mrs. Reich. The agent asked her if the Reichs came from N.Y. She said they did. He asked: "From Forest Hills?" She said she thought so. She added that Penny Cacave worked at one time for the Orgone Institute. (Mrs. Cacave is the wife of the owner of Rolling Hill Farms.) She had not worked there since 1946. The agent asked if she knew why Mrs. Cacave left the Institute. Was it money? Miss Dreger replied she did not know. The agent asked what Mrs. Cacave is doing now, and Miss Dreger told her she has a baby and works as a counsellor at her husband's camp.

The agent asked if they followed the teachings of the Orgone Institute at their camp. Miss Dreger replied they did not teach the children anything. The agent asked if some people did not like Dr. Willies, that he was "unfriendly." It was reported to him that "children screamed at his place." The agent added that he made a point of living a few miles away from any people so that his children would scream as much as they liked.

The agent asked if Miss Cacave drew her children from the Boardman School in New York City where he worked. Miss Dreger he had some contacts there, but the children did not mainly come from the School. The agent asked if the Boardman School were connected with the Orgone Institute. Miss Dreger replied that it was not.

The interview lasted an hour and a half. The agent ended by saying that "I'll have to go up and see the Dr. one of these days," meaning Dr. Reich at Orgonon. Miss Dreger asked why there was all the concern about the camp. The agent reported the townspeople were afraid of their summer trade being adversely affected and of the morals of their children being corrupted.

Miss Dreger said that the agent was always suspicious of her answers, keeping asking her: "Are you sure?", and was heavy-handed in his manner. He concluded by saying he had no way of knowing whether she was telling the truth.

Leah Dreger told us that after the interview she went to New York to discuss it with Mr. Cacave. She advised him to put the whole matter before the New York F.B.I. He said he would think it over. Later he told her he did not report it to the F.B.I., but to someone else whose name he could not divulge to her, but "she would be satisfied if she knew who it was."

We received today (Oct. 26) a phone call around 1 p.m. from one of our physicians, concerning another aspect of the interrogation. We will send you a report on this aspect as soon as the physician writes us the details of his information.
A notarized copy of the following 14 points was deposited by Simeon J. Tropp, M.D. and Myron R. Sharaf at the Boston office of the F.B.I.

1. There is a break-up today of the apparent rapprochement (due to ignorance) of Wilhelm Reich's work based on the discovery of life energy, or "orgone energy," with the putative fears of the communists.

2. It is, however, the communists (red fascists) who fight Reich most bitterly today and have fought him fiercely and continuously ever since 1921. And Reich has fought them ever since 1921 as dictatorial and a menace to the free, genuinely progressive development of society. Some unedited quotations in the accompanying text.

3. There is a fear in most people of the "life energy," rooted in, as Dr. Reich has described in his books, the general armorization (biological rigidity). This armorization prevents the masses of people from taking full responsibility for their lives and work, creates helplessness and inability to master vital life problems, including the problem of handling the red fascists. Dr. Reich and his co-workers overcome this armorization and helplessness in their medical and educational laboratories and publish their results in their publications; they are thus in the forefront of the fight against red fascism, as well as all other kinds of dictators.

4. Clandestine investigations of Reich's research are damaging and unnecessary. Damaging because they arouse suspicion in the minds of local citizens of Hanover, N.C., with whom the Orgone Institute has a good relationship, unnecessary because Reich was fully investigated by the F.B.I. in 1931 and given an unequivocal clearance. Simultaneously the central office of the F.B.I. has a complete file on Dr. Reich and his work which can be referred to. He was also thoroughly examined in 1948 at the time of his naturalization; at that time he told the judges that he in his opinion the communists were "full-fledged fascists."

He has consistently referred to the communists as "red fascists."

He was recognized the Communist Parties for what they were long before such an awareness was general or popular as it is today.
5. If any more information about Reich or his work is desired then is on hand at the central office of the F.B.I. in Washington. Dr. Reich will be glad to supply it fully at his present headquarters in Oregon, Klamath Falls. Not only is there nothing to hide, but Reich and his co-workers are anxious that the very important scientific and social knowledge contained in or about should penetrate and that responsible government officials should take it with full seriousness.

6. Particularly important today is the anti-nuclear radiation effect of cosmic or universal energy. This information has been transmitted to the Atomic Energy Commission. Because of present conditions it must be kept confidential lest it fall into the hands of the Russian government.

7. While Dr. Reich and his co-workers are making every effort to have this knowledge penetrate, two simultaneous, dangerous things are occurring: 1.) Some individuals, frequently communists, denounce his work as "communist" and hamper the development of the practical application of the discoveries; 2.) The Russian government has ordered our literature and recently a report as received from Israel that an orgone energy accumulator is being used in a Russian hospital in the U.S.S.R. If the Russian government made use of the anti-nuclear radiation effect of orgone energy while the same work was being slandered here as "communist" and not taken with full seriousness, it would be a catastrophic event threatening the safety of the democracies.

8. The first attack in the U.S.A. on Dr. Reich's work came in 1947 in an article by Mildred Ed Ed Brod in the New Republic, then under the editorship of Henry Wallace, whose social attitude at that time was almost identical with the position of the American Communist Party. Another attack appeared soon after in the same magazine by the communist-minded physician, Frederick Everton. Still another attack appeared very recently in the fellow-travelling New York newspaper, The Daily Worker. We wish to warn against a familiar tactic of the Old To Demonize Genuine Democrats and Front-Band Fighters Against Re. Fascism as "Communist" or "Communist" or Government agencies.

9. Around the region of San Francisco the rumor has been circulated during the summer of 1950 by William Fowler that the Orgone Institute is a "Communist outfit." (Mr. Fowler's motives are known to us.) To quote Mr. Fowler a letter of the report we had of his declaration, "we received no answer.

10. Dr. Reich excludes from the work anyone known by him to be a red fascist or the supporter of any dictatorial ideology. His work is for personal and social self-regulation and is thus automatically against any kind of dictatorship. Anyone we know to be not fully in the open is, for our own interests as well as the interests of the country, reported to the F.B.I. Example: In 1949 a co-worker, William B. Washington, disappeared under rather mysterious circumstances. He had been working with the effect of cosmic orgone energy on Geiger-Muller counters as well as with other highly confidential material. We had some reason to believe that he might have come into the hands of the red fascists; we reported the whole incident in detail to the New York Office of the F.B.I.

11. There is nothing political or subversive in Dr. Reich's work. On the contrary, we are fighting desperately against undercover political and economic interests which prevent the penetration of the knowledge of crucial, life-important research.

12. Nothing is further from our intention than any desire to overthrow the government. On the contrary, we are perfectly satisfied with a government that has allowed orgone energy to build up its work and which allows us to make any criticisms we wish openly and in accord-
The Honorable Frederick Payne  
Governor of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Wilhelm Reich Foundation, chartered in the State of Maine, would like to bring to your attention the following facts:

Wilhelm Reich, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medical Psychology, Director of the Orgone Institute, President and head research physician of The Wilhelm Reich Foundation, President of the State of Maine, is the discoverer of the biological or life energy. This discovery was made between 1934 and 1940 and evidenced by the publication of The Orgone Institute Press, Orgonon, Bangor, Maine. It is natural that a discovery of such importance has excited much discussion, concern as well as animosity in many quarters and countries, especially in the U.S.A. It belongs to every major discovery. However, in the case of the discovery of the life energy by Wilhelm Reich, a new element and a strongly developed, dynamic individual who feels personally threatened by the new insights into emotional and biological life is being discredited and slandered by the discovery in a quite irrational manner. This would not constitute any sufficient reason to bother you, if it did not hook up in many instances with the present danger threatening from the Communists.

It happened again and again that Reich's activities as a discoverer and inventor, as research physician, physicist and head of clinics for emotional diseases, are defined as "communist". Now, Wilhelm Reich has not only nothing to do with the Communist Party or any of its organizations, but he has, for 20 years now, fought any kind of dictatorship, in no matter what form, with the full force of his knowledge and his authority and there are few personalities of high standing who, according to ample evidence, are as hated and fought by the red fascists as is Wilhelm Reich.

These facts are not known to the defenders of his work who usually do not read any highly specialized books. They report Reich's activities which are much talked about though little understood, to the police and to the F.B.I. as "communist", without any basis in fact.

Reich's activities have been thoroughly investigated by the F.B.I. in 1941 and again in 1946, when Wilhelm Reich was naturalized as an American citizen. He was also in touch repeatedly with the F.B.I. and the Atomic Energy Commission in regard to crucial research matters some of which are to be treated confidentially under present conditions.

October 24, 1952

The Honorable Frederick Payne  
Governor of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine
It is evident from these investigations of his work and status that he condones the communists as "red fascists," and his writings give full evidence that he is a most persistent fighter for self-regulation in education and self-government in society. Some of the publications which are being sent to you under separate cover, will bear out the truth of these statements (see especially the underlined quotations).

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Wilhelm Reich Foundation feel it most urgent that Wilhelm Reich's life-important and so basically significant scientific work be protected from the attacks of cranks and biopaths individuals. Such attacks in themselves would not be dangerous, since Wilhelm Reich's publications are studied and read in hundreds of institutions of higher learning in the U.S.A. and abroad. However, in a period of confusion due to war or similar social events, it could happen that an ill-informed official somewhere might damage our reputation, standing, and actual work, or even order a mistaken arrest. This, of course, would be disastrous to our scientific work and our chartered activities as physicians, educators and scientists.

May we, therefore, ask you to take notice of this danger and to extend your protection to our work. Any information you receive, the F.B.I., or any police agency might wish to obtain would be gladly and fully given, either at the Orgone Institute in New York or at Orgonom, Rangeley, Maine, the home of the Foundation. Unnecessary questions of local people, neighbors, etc. without either contacting our institutions or being acquainted with the files in the Justice Department in Washington, can do great damage to our good relations in the community, since it unavoidably arouses suspicion against us.

We hope that we succeeded in making clear the seriousness of our request and the importance of this pioneer work which has its headquarters in the State of Maine.

Yours sincerely,

Lise Ollendorff
for the Board of Trustees of the
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Law offices: Peter Mills, Farmington, Maine
Arthur Garfield Hays, New York
I called Judge Hilles on the telephone to inform him of the visit to the FBI today of Mr. Sharaf and Dr. Tropp. Judge Hilles thought that it was a very good idea to go directly to the FBI and he thought that the letter which was written to the Governor of the State of Maine was excellent and will do a great deal in easing the whole situation. Judge Hilles told me that he was visited by Mr. Hennessy of the State Police who came on a confidential investigation by order of the Governor. It seems that the Governor was received a complaint against the Orgone Institute from the Rangeley region. Judge Hilles showed Mr. Hennessy our files and the literature and Mr. Hennessy told him that he was in contact with the FBI, and that the FBI has told him that as far as our political status is concerned we are completely cleared of any suspicion and that they are in no way concerned about other aspects of our work which may deviate from any popular beliefs or views. Mr. Hennessy also told Judge Hilles that all the complaints that were made about the Orgone Institute to the Governor were found to be completely without any basis, and he added that one of the complaints that the Orgone Institute was trying to take over the community is no complaint because we are living in a democracy and if we succeed in doing it then it would be to our credit rather than a fault. Mr. Hennessy also said that several people in the community spend very highly of the work of the Institute, and he named amongst others Doc Grant. Judge Hilles advised Mr. Hennessy to come to the Orgone Institute directly and to get his facts at the source. But Mr. Hennessy said that he would send the permission of the Governor for this, since it was a confidential investigation. Judge Hilles told him that going from person to person in a small community like Rangeley in an investigation, cannot remain confidential and that the fact alone that an investigation is going on, is damaging to our reputation. Judge Hilles said that this point was mentioned too in the letter to the Governor, and he stressed the point that the letter was a literary masterpiece. He also thought it was good to have sent this letter to the various agencies and he mentioned that Senator Margaret Smith knows about our work here in Rangeley.

October 6th, 1950

Myra R. Sharaf

Report on Conversation with Doc Grant on October 7, 1950

Doc Grant said that Hennessy had been investigating the following complaints:

1. That the Orgone Institute wanted "to take over the region."
Doc Grant ridiculed this idea to Hennessy, saying only that the people connected with the work had brought him a lot of business, were nice people who minded their own business.

2. That "Mickey Sharaf was chasing some girls late at night."
The State Trooper found out that Sharaf was in New York at the time he allegedly was chasing the girls at night, and the fellow that supposed was chasing them was only running to Doc Grant's Restaurant before it closed. Doc Grant said that one girl who reported this rumor had for a long time, in his opinion, wanted some men to chase her, and the other was an old, frightened, spinster woman.

3. That "Peter Reich was playing with himself in school."
Doc Grant smiled at this, as though to say that even if he had been, that was nothing to investigate. This story probably has its background in the bullying treatment Peter received from some of his schoolmates, who intimidated him into hiding his penis which, unlike theirs, was "circumcised, as a way of buying off physical mistreatment. (See notes written by Eva Reich on this incident.)

4. That Mrs. Richardson, whom Doc Grant described as an old, fearful widow who now lived by herself read the books of Dr. Reich in her capacity as a member of a board that screened the books the library received and was upset by them (the books were originally donated to the library because the town people kept asking "what it was all about," were later withdrawn when it was revealed that they first went through a screening board.)

I emphasized to Doc Grant that the people at Orgonon had no intention of "taking over the region" but were only interested in quietly doing their work and maintaining a friendly relationship with the town in which they lived. I said that while we wished to stop the malicious rumors, we had no desire to "convert anyone," but on the contrary realized perfectly why many people were correct in keeping away from the work and wanting nothing to do with it, that for frustrated old people it is dangerous to come in contact with something so new, and Doc Grant himself supplied the final word I was looking for when he concluded my sentence by saying, "Nothing so real."
Mr. Else Ollendorff
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
99-06 Sixty-Sixth Avenue
Forest Hills, New York

Dear Mr. Ollendorff:

This will acknowledge your letter and the booklets, which you have sent to me.

I am referring your letter to Chief McCabe of the Maine State Police, in order that he may have a full understanding of the situation.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

FRIDERIC G. PAYNE
Dear Dr. Rich:

According to reports I received from May Davis and Virginia Chaney, both patients of Dr. Handelman, who were staying at the Violette Dairy Farm, an F.B.I. investigation visited her on October 3, 1950, to inquire about complaints received from nearby residents about unusual activities away from their regular dairy farm. The F.B.I. officers were also interested in the statements that the farm had a "fear" to the agency. Davis and Dr. Handelman agreed to answer any further questions about the letter. Handelman denied any connection between the farm and Orgone.

The F.B.I. man from Washington, according to Mrs. Davis, was friendly to the family. He promised to return details of the situation but whether he returned was not ascertainable. He is a nephew of the Dairy Dairy Farm.

Unfortunately, the same activities were alleged to occur at Orgone and Dr. Willier's.
We are forwarding to you for your attention the enclosed protocol of an interview between an F.B.I. agent and Miss Leah Drager. Since this interview occurred on Oct. 3, three days before our conversation with you in Boston in which you told us that no investigation of the Orgone Institute had been ordered or was contemplated, to your knowledge, and that you wished to know of any investigation that might be going on unknown to you, we thought it necessary to inform you of this further development.

Sincerely yours,

Byron E. Sharaf
Asst. for Public Relations

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Excerpts from a letter from A. E. Hamilton to A. S. Neill, October 28, 1950

"... the similarity ends, and the difference between Morgan and Reich begins. Morgan was, at that critical moment, a general in command of an army, at war with an enemy that threatened the financial stability of a people. Whatever we may think of the old buccaneer, he did know that a battle is not to be won by votes in a committee; that its tactics and strategy must be entrusted to a commanding officer who must be obeyed, whether the battle is won or lost, and the question answered afterward. Morgan had to take on responsibility and, having done so at the request of the bankers, he intended to carry out his responsibility in what we want and what he had the courage to take on, and he carried it through to victory in the face of national bankruptcy.

Well - let us turn to happier things. For instance, Reich as an orchestra leader. I am just back from a meeting of orgonomy workers in the beautiful laboratory on the hill at Orgonon. Let me try to evoke some of its music. Reichen makes music of it; but I think it's more a sort of inartistic poet whose expressions are in the dry language of the philosophers instead of the verbal music of Lanius and Whitman.

If a writer from Mars, coming from one of the spiral nebulae, that Reich is subjugating to orgonomic treatment, or even an ordinary "little man" from New York or London had dropped in at one of our sessions, he would have concluded that Reich was the insatiable pupil of the authoritarian, the boss, the dictator - and chained him with "I am the law" Hagen, "I am the State" Bonaparte and their all too many pupils in history.

Actually, he was more akin to, or rather similar to, old man Morgan during the panic of 1907 who, seeing a panic from the first floor in his office, shouted to the President of the Chase National, Equitable Trust, National City, etc., etc., "Gentlemen, I believe in cooperation, in working together toward the end of stopping this panic. And by cooperation, gentlemen, I mean that you must do exactly what I tell you to do and do it damn quick".

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Here the similarity ends, and the difference between Morgan and Reich begins.

Reich is a democrat in the sense of his ideology of a working democracy which he has blue-printed for us clearly and accurately. Morgan was an authoritarian dictator in a national economy called "democracy" and functioning on the impossible principle that all men are created equal and each deserves a vote - the vote of a Barney Baruch just as weighty as that of Al Capone. On that foundation, Morgan could organize General Foods, United States Steel and tell the vast insurance outfits how to invest their customers' cash.

Reich made working democracy work, factually, functionally, dramatically in a small group of men and women who had begun to understand what they believed about work-democracy. A whole battery of electronic gadgets, of latest model and streamlined machinery recorded Reich's exact words - what I give you is from the much less accurate recordings of an old gentleman's frontal cortex. Something like this:"
"Gentlemen, we are at war. At war with the most poisonously powerful plague the world has ever known. In fact with the very thousand ways between states, nations, coalitions of nations and next, perhaps, of two hemispheres. I am the first man to have discovered the origin of this plague, the first to have seen and proved the fundamental way to fight it. I fought alone, then in collaboration with my wife and with the help of others, some of whom are here among you. Now others of you want to join me in the battle. The battle of life but only if you clearly understand that I am the general of this plague and if you want to enlist in my army, you must obey orders, as best you may and after your own fashion as individuals in the field; but organize and reason about it afterward, along with me at the council."

"If you want to FLY to fight in this war on your own, assuming your individual responsibilities, that is your privilege and right — win your babies or lose them as you may. But if you would become a soldier or a captain in my army, then you must submit to the necessary discipline of my general principles of strategy and tactics. You must believe in my way of conducting it. You will have to trust me, and I will have to trust you to do your part. Is that clear? No? Well, clear or not, this is the cardinal fact in any functioning; in units, or series of units in the war against the enemy, the plague whose poison is killing humanity."

Nobody acquainted with Reich's work, with the general principles of orgonomy and their central core could have understood what I was about. I hope that a goodly number of you did. But that was not enough. Reich brought home to me again that what the head understands, and the gut does not follow, is futile in the work that has to be done. If the character structure of the soldier is not clear, so that he can function on the power of his primary drive; if secondary forces dominate, or can dominate, then he is worse than useless in the army — in fact he may become a braggart or a sissy, or at best, a drone, a drag on the movement of the whole army.

That was the gist of our first meeting. At another one, he turned this whole burning subject from the general to the particular, from the impersonal to the individual, and he did so in a way I (or, I believe anyone else) has ever witnessed.

We switched from therapy to prophylaxis, from hazing off armor in grown-ups to the arming young, to the prevention of a plague that even the unborn — even the unborn — the quality of character structure was more important than anywhere else. Reich had given us a beautiful demonstration of his approach to and handling of an infant's arming (teething block) in an infant of six weeks — after mother had nursed the baby before us, while daddy watched. A miracle, not of the "laying on of bands" — although Reich's bands did move the child's thorax — but of the living contact of two organic systems as complete and functioning wholes. After the demonstration, the mother and father and we discussed some details of procedure, and Reich got down to character structure, not in general but in acute particular—yours and mine — concerning any attempt to deal oronomically with a newborn child and early infancy."

"When your eyes are not yet ready to look into those of a newborn, or a child like the one we have seen — are they?"

"No, I feel they are not." Simple, clear, genuine.

"-------! Your mouth is still a biting mouth. Do you think that, with a mouth still bitter, you should be one to deal in our way with the very young?"

"I do not"

"-------! We have talked about your hands. Are they ready?"

"No, Doctor Reich, they are not".

"--------! You are still too withdrawn, too, shall we say cold, to function well, and for the child's good, in such a situation."

"Yes"

I say "general" — but Reich had become a guide, a guide who had pioneered a new country and led us to it by his trails. He was ready to go ahead into the brush with machete and compass to blaze a new way before us. We must trust our guide in order to go forward. In world-democracy there is no general, but once it is functioning, instead of aggressively, as during a battle — then "let each be guide to each" as Pennson put it; but still agree on a head-guide who knows better than the rest of the kind of country through which a way must be cut, and the best way to cut it.

And here, since I can only give you a fragment from Gegenen this morning, I would change the simple one of an orchestra and its leader. I got the impression, sitting there in the big lab, lined with battered instruments of research from a simple electron-scope to a hug and complicated Geiger counter and a battery of vapor tubing — of Reich as the conductor of their work, and also the work of the human organisms gathered together in a symphonic purpose or a-ways and go on in our work-democracy in his direction. And all that he said about the discipline of an army applies equally well to an orchestra. It members must submit, to obey, to subordinate individual preferences, theories, practices, and will of the whoebody of musicians as centered in the conductor. Otherwise a cacophony.

Well, I am getting poetic again. Will write some more soon with news of the tribe here, including April Eleanor — and with our love to you and yours, we wish Reich's "see you in 1951" — at least we are still free to hope over here.

Sincerely,

signed: Bjar

As sending this to Reich as we were under agreement not to talk confidential matters with anyone outside. So, if you are inside, we will end it on.
Dear Mickey,

When miss Druger told me of her interview I must confess I had the distinct impression that her interview had also been to(pg.2) Orgone. I also received a note from Dr. Reich in which he stated that "events here had disturbed him a little," and assumed he was referring to the situation that had told me of. I might have been in error with the plague in this matter—your letter was a shock and makes me wonder about myself. I begin to understand the importance of routine reporting of such events & the necessity of making no assumptions.

I am glad the thing did not reach more serious proportions because of my neglect. I would apologize but I do not feel apologetic as much as an answer for situations of this nature. I shall be on my toes more in the future.

Dick Singer

P.S. If in N.Y. hope you & others will visit us etc.

P.P.S. I am 1A in draft.

P.P.P.S. & mighty worried.
Dear -

During the summer of 1950, a resident of Oquossoc, Me., William Fowler, began spreading the rumor in the Rangeley region, according to which the Orgone Institute is a "communist outfit." The origin of this malicious rumor was clearly traced back to William Fowler and was traced forward to a few people in Rangeley who spread it further. It happened, for instance, that a Mrs. Milford Dunham met Miss Lila Quimby who works at the Observatory at Orgone, and asked her, "How do you dare to work for Dr. Reich?" "Why?" Miss Quimby asked. "The stories they are telling around town," Mrs. Dunham answered. "What stories?" Miss Quimby asked. "I would not tell them," Mrs. Dunham answered. From another source we had a report that "stories are going around town that make your hair stand on end." These examples may suffice.

Under ordinary conditions, we would not care to bother about such things. However, we are doing life-important, that is, in the atmosphere and in living organisms. This life energy is used in the treatment of cancer and other severe illnesses. This energy promises to become one of the only effective counter-measures against nuclear radiation effects. Thus on our work, millions of human lives depend and will depend. To kill this work by malicious slander whether due to ignorance or not amounts to mass murder.

In a letter we asked Mr. Fowler whether or not it was true that he had spread these rumors. He did not answer and thus did not deny the reports. It is also not true as has been spread by some individuals including, as we know, Mr. Fowler, that the Orgone Institute advocates "free love." What we are doing and advocating is stated in the enclosed newspaper articles which was printed in the Rangeley Record and can be found in detail in Dr. Reich’s books.

Also complaints from this region reached the Governor of the State of Maine that the Orgone Institute is threatening "to take over the region." Mr. Hennessy of the State Police who investigated this and other rumors reported that they had no basis whatsoever in fact. No worker connected with the Orgone Institute or the Wilhelm Reich Foundation has the slightest intention of "taking over the region." We are not politicians and do not belong to any political creed. We are hard-working and sacrificing people who are supporting and fighting for the preservation of the American Government which guarantees individual liberty and full opportunity for the development of rational thought, inventions, discoveries, research, and expression of rational opinion. Unfortunately these rights and opportunities are dangerously threatened by gross misuse. The accompanying enclosed letter was written to the Governor of Maine and copies were sent to the U.S. Attorney General’s Office, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, The Central P.B.I. in Washington, D.C., and the Boston Office of the F.B.I., the Rangeley Town Office, all workers employed at Orgone, our lawyers, Judge Peter Mills of Farmington, Me., and Arthur Garfield Hans of New York, and many citizens of Oquossoc and Rangeley. This letter to the Governor will also be published in the Orgone Energy Bulletin. Two of our officers have contracted with the F.B.I. office in Boston, Mass., personally and have deposited our publications which clearly bear out the truth about our activities as physicians, educators, and scientists, sharply directed against any kind or type of dictatorial regime, whether on a large or small scale.

All this was done very reluctantly since the only thing we wish to have is peace and quiet for our most responsible and most exhausting medical and scientific work. We deeply regret to have to bother you now, but we saw no other way of stopping this malignancy before it succeeds in killing truth and love and life, as it has in many places, unchecked, on this earth. If every citizen who has a socially necessary job to do would do the same thing as we do, there would be no Hitlers, no Mussolinis, no Stalines, and the peoples of this world could live and work together in peace everywhere.

Sincerely yours,
We believe it is a basic characteristic of a truly free man's mind to come cut into the open completely and to have his hands and deeds above board; not to sneak behind other people's backs, but to give it straight off the bat. Our letter concerns the following:

"We, i.e., the scientific and other workers of the Orgone Institute and the Wilhelm Reich Foundation at Orgonon, have lived and worked in this region for some years now. We know most of the citizens in this region, and everybody knows us. We have brought knowledge, a thirst for further knowledge, a truthful mind, and much money into this region. We have also helped many people in this region medically; we know we are liked and on good terms with most of the people around here. We are decent, honest, hard-working people. Our work is known and highly appreciated in many lands."

Now, after the upheaval around the lecture given by Dr. Elsworth Fe. Baker at Orgonon in the end of August has blown over, we may be permitted to tell you the following:

A fellow from Oquossoc by the name of "William Fowler has succeeded in stirring up rumors about Orgonon, bad, malicious, pernicious rumors. He and some of those who took over and spread his goseip have caused the Governor of the State of Maine and the local FBI to "investigate." Nothing was found because there was no truth in the rumors. However, the same Fowler or somebody else of the same type might get the idea again of disturbing our strenuous work and of spreading our honor. This will not happen again. We are hard-working people. We have no time to counteract malignant gossip by a very Per Frustrated and ill people.

We do not run a brothel as the Fowlers with their rumors imply; we have nothing to hide, we do not conduct sexual orgies and we are not "communists." Mr. Sharaf did not run after girls in town at night, and Peter Reich did not expose himself in school; he was forced to do so by a group of boys on the school grounds. We do not seduce small children and we do not commit sexual crimes on adolescent boys and girls. We do not "feed" patients to doctors; we do not sleep with another partner every night. We have no machine guns but only a telescope and scientific instruments in our observatory, and when there are lights in the windows at 3 or 4 in the morning, some one is sitting at his desk and taking readings or doing some writing or calculating.

Thus, there is no reason to get excited about lights in the observatory during the night.

To want peace for our hard work and we are going to get it. We do not tolerate malignant rumors lying down. We are not permitting anyone to spit in our face; we do not retaliate by splitting back, but we insist that people know the spitters are. This kind of gossiping does more harm to a self-governing people than the Stalins and Hitlers who use the slanderers to serve their own ends. It disrupts mutual confidence and peace. Thus gossip and slander help the dictators take over a free country. Slander is not free speech but misuse of the right to free speech. Slander and gossip are threatening the lives of a free people everywhere in the U.S.A. as well as in other lands. This is what shuts people up from telling the truth and being upright. They are afraid of being maligned and gossiped about. But we are not, since we are, as psychiatrists, physicians, and scientists, as well as educators, in the forefront of the fight against the emotional plague which undermines human peaceful living. It is our social obligation to fight rumormongers, in order to save babies from disease and distress. We are highly responsible American citizens doing an important job. Our medical and scientific results and ideas are publicly available in nearly every major library in the land. The way to fight these results and ideas if one dislikes them is by argument and not by gossip. We fight gossip professionally as a cancer in the body social. We must succeed in using this if truth should prevail and govern our lives.

If anyone has any question to ask, we shall be glad to answer him. We shall be happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,

The workers at Orgonon

Fred Campbell, Maintenance

Miles E. MacDonald

Helen Macdonald, Ch. R. Research Associate

Isa Oltendorf, Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.

Eva Reich

Eva Reich, M.D., Assistant Research Physician

Helen Donald, Research Associate

Gerard E. N. Reich, Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.

V. A. Sharaf, Assistant in Public Relations

William J. Dropp, M.C., Medical Co-director of the Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.

Lisa Fleming, Assistant Research Physician

Fred Campbell, Maintenance

Note: This letter was reprinted in "The Wilhelm Reich Foundation".
November 2, 1950

It was reported to me by Mary Dustan on October 25, and October 26, 1950 that on October 3, 1950, an F.B.I. agent from Augusta, Maine interrogated her sister Leah Dreger at the Rolling Hills Farm in Rangeley, Maine about complaints received that sexual activities among teenagers had occurred at the Farm and that children went around undressed there. It was also stated in the complaints that the Farm acted as a "feeder" for Orgonen and for Dr. Willie.

The same Mary Dustan was informed by Emil Caccavo at the Farm who also received his information from Leah Dreger that this F.B.I. man stated that complaints had been received that work on atomic weapons was going on at Orgonen in Rangeley, Maine.

Neither Mary Dustan nor Emil Caccavo was present at the interrogation.

Sincerely,

ARCHIVES
of the ORGONE INSTITUTE

Mary 2, 1950

In my presence,

[Signature]
Nov. 6, 1950

FBI officer Thornton
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10 Post Office Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Thornton:

Enclosed is the follow-up report from Dr. Handelman which in our letter of Oct. 26th we said that we would send to you as soon as we received it. No work, of course, on "atomic weapons" or any other kind of weapons is going on at Orgonon, but only work with cosmic-orgone energy ("life energy") which, as we wrote in an earlier report, shows definite indications of having an anti-nuclear radiation effect.

Sincerely yours,

Myron R. Sharaf
Asst. in Public Relations

Rumors: Report of Contacts with Miss Lena Parrott

I have had several interviews and correspondence with Miss Lena Parrott, Director, Child Welfare Division, Department of Health and Welfare, Augusta, Maine, regarding a social work job in their Foster Care Program in the Rangeley region. At first my not being a Maine resident was pointed out to me as a minor problem which she could easily handle. At the time we were to complete the job plans, my not being a resident was a major problem; they could not offer me a job at this time. I discussed this further with Miss Parrott on November 2, 1950. She stated then that "another problem" had just come up. Recently in Augusta there has been a number of rumors voiced around about Orgonon. At this point Miss Parrott became red in the face, was quite flustered and evasive. She said the rumors she had heard were as follows:

1. All children are encouraged to "great sex play over and beyond the natural sex play of children"—that children are encouraged to masturbate openly and to expose themselves.

2. There is a group of children who are "kept locked up in a place called Rolling Hills". These children are used for "laboratory experiments".

3. All adults connected with Orgonon are "promiscuous and share their sexual partners with each other". Some "man who works for Orgonon chased the high school girls in Rangeley, he was so sexually unbalanced."

4. Rangeley people are "up in arms against Orgonon".

5. There are "boxes" made for "preserve sexual purposes". She did not "believe such rumors" herself.

When I asked where she had heard these rumors and from whom, she became even more flustered and evasive and could not remember just that "people in Augusta are talking" and that she "understands" that the people of Rangeley are very antagonistic towards Orgonon and any one connected with Orgonon. I said that in my experience the people here are friendly and are glad that "Orgonon is putting Rangeley back on the map" and giving to the
No. 3178.

community new residents, a professional group, new interests
and more money. Miss Parrott again said that she did not believe
such rumors and that she felt Orgonomy would be "an asset to any
community". I let her know that a malicious liar here had spread
some vicious rumors which had no basis in fact; the rumors were
traced to their source and the true facts presented. She seemed
to agree that rumors are vicious. She remarked that she knew so
little about Orgonomy, having only talked with me and read Dr. B
Baker's article. I referred her to the literature and the Founda-
tion.

I asked her if her posing Orgonomy as a "problem" in my
getting the job meant that an official stand was being taken to
exclude any one connected with Orgonomy from State jobs. She
was very upset by this and in a round about way said that she
was talking to me "as social worker to social worker" and that
"nothing was official". She will write further to me.

Before me Nov. 14, 1950

T. Maxwell Marshall

Supt. of Police
Barnet, Maine
Mr. Myron R. Sharaf
Assistant in Public Relations
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
Orgone Institute Research Laboratories, Inc.
Orgone, Rangeley, Maine

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated November 13, 1950, with enclosures, has been received and the contents have been carefully noted. You may be assured that your communication and the information you submitted will be made a matter of record in the files of the FBI.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
A rigid society, a society which looks at the surface like a stormy ocean teaming with storms and high waves, is a society in which even at this dangerous moment the enemy of men are running around freely, free to challenge the laws of the country which they intend to overthrow, such a society has the intrinsic quality of change in any direction. It can as easily fall prey to the fake efficiency of political expediency as it is capable of rushing onward toward unheard—of human destiny. Fluidity of social thought and organization, inside of all mechanical rigidity of mechanized economy, is the basic prerequisite for not only the basic chance developing and for the consciousness of this change taking action to secure it; it is first of all the fertile soil in which the future of our children is being born. And ours is the great responsibility to think and act in terms of our unborn children, and not in terms of interests which, though powerful today and tomorrow, will have vanished in the bottom of the ocean the day after tomorrow. We must therefore think in terms of after tomorrow, and not of today alone.

Thus we gain a point of observation in our survey which already make clear distinctions as to where we are going possible, what is pointing toward yesterday is dead and an obstacle in the way if it does not help preparing the future of our children's children. Beethoven's music, though of yesteryear, will be active centuries hence; it thus is with us. The Law of yesteryear, which regards adolescents in the full maturity of their lives as criminals when they embrace in love, is an obstacle in the way. No one will think of it fifty or a hundred years from now, except a wonder.

Let us make every single of our judgments upon the scale of its validity the day after tomorrow as against its validity in the past. Then we shall be perfectly able to distinguish tradition which marches onward from tradition which remained sitting on the spot, from any efficiency of present. Law examples will easily prove that the stormy waves on the surface of the oceans of our life do not touch upon the calm and firm presence of the depth of life. Life is beyond its stormy surface. Life will go on this way or another, whether the surface storm will pass by in 10 or 20 years or will continue over centuries. The great storm on the surface which threatens to wreck our ships will not alter the course of life forward. To become aware of the basic essence of the upheaval means calming down, knowing that we stand on great depth of cosmic events in the form of human longing and striving. To restrict the depth of the ocean to the depth of the surface waves is invoking disaster. The seafarer who thinks thus must necessarily shrink with fear. To know the calm depth, seething with life means thinking in terms of weathering the storm, of building better vessels, better steering devices, better more suitable sailors, and first of all knowing what we are doing and where we are. There are distant shores to be reached for safety; there are times in will coming which utilize the depths of the ocean of human experience. The storm is bound to pass, and a great, deep-blue sky, always of preying, will become visible again. Will the sailors in danger become in time aware of these things, or will they continue to believe that the height of the wave is the depth of the ocean? Will they in time start acting as sailors on the ocean of human longing? Life has been discovered. Tomorrow it will conquer anti-life.
A frail society, a society which looks at the surface like an ocean teeming with storms and high waves, is not a society in which even at this dangerous moment the enemy of free men are running around freely, free to challenge the laws of the country which they intend to overthrow, such a society has the intrinsic quality of change in any direction. It can as easily fall prey to the fake efficiency of political expediency as it is capable of rushing onward toward unheard-of human destiny. Fluidity of social thought and organization, inspite of all mechanical rigidity of mechanized economy, is the basic prerequisite for not only the basic change developing and for the consciousness of this change taking action to secure it; it is first of all the fertile soil on which the future of our children is being born. And ours is the grave responsibility to think and act in terms of our unborn children, and not in terms of interests which, though powerful today and tomorrow, will have vanished in the bottom of the ocean the day after tomorrow. We must therefore think in terms of after tomorrow, and not of today alone.

Thus we gain a point of observation in our survey which already make/clear distinctions as to where we are going. What is point/moving toward yesterday is dead and an obstacle in the way if it does not help preparing the future of our children. Beethoven's music, though of yesteryear, will be active centuries hence; it thus is with us. The Law of yesteryear which regards adolescents in the full maturity of their lives as criminals when they embrace in love, is an obstacle in the way. No one will think of it fifty or a hundred years from now, except in wonder.

Let us base every single of our judgments upon the scale of its validity the day after tomorrow as against its validity in the past. Then we shall be perfectly able to distinguish tradition which marches onward from tradition which remained sitting on the boat with a foregone decision of course. Few examples will easily prove that the storm waves on the surface of the oceans of our life do not touch upon the calm and firm presence of the depth of life. LIFE IS BEYOND ITS STORMY SURFACE. Life will go on this way or another, whether the surface storm will pass by in 10 or 20 years or will continue over centuries. The great storm on the surface which threatens to wreck our ships will not alter the course of life forward. To become aware of the basic essence of the upheaval means calming down, knowing that we have in great depth of cosmic events in the form of human longing and striving. To restrict the depth of the ocean to the depth of the surface waves is invoking disaster. The seafarer who thinks thus must necessarily shrink with fear. To know the calm depth, seething with life means thinking in terms of weathering the storm, building better vessels, better steering devices, better, more suitable sailors, and first of all knowing what we are doing and where we are. There are distant shores to be reached for safety; there are times in which we will become visible again. Will the sailors in danger become in time aware of these things? Will they continue to believe that the height of the wave is depth of the ocean? Will they in time start acting as sailors on the ocean of human longing? LIFE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED. TOMORROW IT WILL CONQUER ANTI-LIFE.
To know the revolutionary magnitude

between the stormy surface waves and the depth of sky and
ocean means the difference between life and death of a
fluid society in times of trouble; it means the difference
between the political quack and the solid engineer of bridges;
spanning huge rivers; it means the difference between
a congressional committee investigating deceit and scheming
and a research team working with problems of biogenesis;
it means the difference between a judge who sentences a
man of science for possessing books on red or black
fascism in his library and a judge who knows the history
of socialism with its great idealistic cast and its ugly
present decay; it means the difference between a district
attorney who is promoting his career by fighting for
conviction of the defendant, guilty or innocent, and the
district attorney who is out to establish the truth, regardless
of his career; it is the difference between fathoming the
depth of a barrel and the depth of a human soul; it
is the difference between a sadistic butcher of people and
the brave rebel against injustice, and life and death.

Seen from this vantage point of view, the United
States of America was aware of the ocean of human life when
it kept informed to the last details, truthfully, not fearing
the smear of political windbars about the fascist
resolutions and congresses. It is great in being proud of
being a melting pot of many nations, the very essence of
internationalism and true humanism. These signs point forward
toward the ages of future generations. It is perfectly clear
that narrow nationalism is impossible, that chauvinism may kill
this nation, that isolationism is no longer possible.

It thinks Russia is not aware of its revolutionary character.

The rigidity of Russian ways and the fluidity of American
ways are witness to the contrary. Compare the biocentropic
expression of a Roosevelt and a Stalin, of an Eisenhower
and a Molotov, of a Marshall and the dry lemon quality of
a Roosevelt, and there can be no wavering as to the
answer: Life is fluid, death is rigid. Life is naive, death
is sure. Life is yielding and giving, it cannot believe that
things can be different than things alive. Death does not yield.
It does not think at all; it kills matches or harvesting its
victims instantly, tries to get along one way or another.

Death rigidly is a one-way-street only. Life seems weak, death
strong and inevitable. Yet life is invincible; it cannot
be squelched. Life goes on, no matter how many of its bearers
die. Death knows nothing but destruction, life invincible,
slowly and penetratingly, like in the development of a species
or in the slow growth of an oak, that it can reduce the number
of innocent victims of death it realizes that in its benignity
it has yielded easily and too often, unnecessarily, and it
has been created many times. Life victorious at the borders
of death, Manchuria or elsewhere, invites the enemy, death, to its
conference table, to talk peace; it forbids crossing of
the border. The enemy, death, accepts the invitation to talk
and at the same time, fully within the laws of rigid death,
shall half a million killers beyond the border which by
mere promise on the part of life has been spared of killing.
This exactly is what life, fighting for its life, has begun to recognize and to call the "emotional plague." Life is rigid and cannot change, life is fluid and can change. Thus life can first be cheated, but it can also start thinking straight: To invite death, rigid kill to a conference, not realizing what is in death's mind, though it was often experienced, is naivete, close to atavism.

Life gives, freely and lavishly. And there is spoiled, rigid life that only takes in "Give" fashion. Life will soon learn; it will have to learn better and faster. In this process of learning better and faster, life will become more and more fluid, in making and correcting mistakes, while it secures its future.

The USA, as we live it and see it, fled from European rigidities into the freedom of the endless possibilities. It began anew. But it took with it puritanism. Its fluidity turned rigid puritanism into a sexual revolution of tremendous consequences. Old Russia convulsed with rebellion, and retained ruthless rigidity. It suffered a sexual revolution, and low rigidity killed its first budings of a new life.

New fronts of battle are shaping up. Fluidity of American life versus rigidity of Russian make-believe. Work against politics. Internationalism here versus national chauvinism there. The sexual revolution in the USA versus the economic political revolution which failed and turned into the worst tyranny of the ages in Russia.

The impact of the contact with European rigidities will challenge American fluidity. Will it freeze under this impact? This depends on the daring spirit to remain free in every citizen in the USA.

The USA is fluid. Its chemical industry commercial are abominable, but you can turn off the radio not to have to listen to them. You cannot turn off the secret police in Russia.

The USA is fluid. Government officials may try to become like Russian officials. But you still can refuse to fulfill their commands if you feel that they act as individuals in the guise of officialdom, and not as servants of the people's interest. You can't do this in Russia.

The sexual revolution in the USA at times takes the form of stupid sexiness. But you can and do publish works on the genital rights of infants and adolescents.

The USA is fluid. You can and are expected to tell the truth. But the liar has the same opportunity to tell the lie, since the law did not grow up to recognize the lie if well disguised. This is bad, indeed, but you can fight the lie. In Russia you cannot. The lie is master of the government machine. It is up to you, not to let the lie get hold of the government machine in the USA. FIGHT......

The USA is fluid, a melting pot not only of people but also of ideas. Today a biology in the USA believes that man's constitution is made up of small unseen particles, the genes. Unchallenged for years, this belief obtained an aura of official authority. Since life is due to the functioning of cosmic primal energy within living membranes, and not due to unseen particles, the Russian politician, keen with his eyes fixed on the weaknesses of the enemy, discovers life just for the purpose of slandering the USA. However, tomorrow another authority in biological matters will arise, replacing the old one, an authority so great and powerful that the Russian thievery will melt in the hot sun of truth.
In Russia the lie will continue rigidly, unchangeable. Thus, life will go undiscovered in the USSR until it will join up will American Orgone biology.

It is true, that Wall Street makes money. But so also do the Unions of the Workers. In Russia only the rigid bureaucracy makes money. Wall Street does not shoot its opponents; nor does the Russian boss shoot his enemy.

The USA is a fluid society. Today it is not aware of being a sucker to the Russian plague and the European gimmick. Tomorrow it will know how to distinguish the truth from the plague. To keep apart the honest negotiator and the cheat.

The USA is a fluid society. Yesterday it bombed civilian populations. Tomorrow it will Warn the civilian population before it destroys enemy ammunition depots. Russia will continue to bomb civilians until truth will stop it.

The USA is fluid. Yesterday it relied on kings and princes. Tomorrow it will be free with people everywhere, and with tomorrow's, and with tomorrow's people.

Today it believes that people are capable of freedom. Tomorrow it will realize that people can be made capable of freedom by renewing the whole of early education.

Today it tends toward statism, since there is no other rampart, way of keeping, check the usurer, the profit grabber, the reckless driver of prices of goods. Tomorrow it will either sink into complete statism or it will be saved from this fate. The people will realize their own responsibility to profit less money and more freedom.

Dr. Virginia Wuerthele-Casper
Bureau of Biological Research
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Wuerthele-Casper:

An article was brought to our attention which appeared in the San Diego Union newspaper on Dec. 10th, 1980, written by Alton L. Hakselee, Associated Press Science Reporter. In this report we find a rediscovery and thus a confirmation of Wilhelm Reich's original discovery of the so-called T-bacilli in cancer tissues and blood. From the report it appears that you were not aware of the discovery of the T-bacilli by Wilhelm Reich; at least this discovery has not been quoted by you. In the publications of the Orgone Institute from 1928 ("Bion Experiments on the Cancer Problem") until 1948 in papers published in the International Journal of Sex-economy and Orgone Research (1942-48), later collected and published as a volume in 1948 under the title, THE CANCER BIODIAPSY, you will find - particularly in chapters II, VI, VII and VIII of THE CANCER BIODIAPSY - the characteristics and microphotographs of the tiny bodies to be found in every single case of cancer and leukemia. The world of cancer research has been fully informed on these specific discoveries.

You will further find in these publications a description of how to produce artificial cancer in mice through injection of nearly pure cultures of the T-bacilli. There, you will also find a description of the bio-energetic functions which counteract these T-bacilli. It would be in the interest of the many people dying from cancer who are in part victims of human reluctance to see what can easily be seen in every good microscope, if you would care to pay attention to the medical possibilities which opened up when the orgone energy was discovered (1926-29). The whole problem of the T-bacilli and their relation to cancer and leukemia became accessible through Reich's theory of the "bions" or "orgone energ
We are sure that, as scientists, you will pay attention to these facts.

Sincerely yours,

Simon J. Tropp, M.D.
Medical Director

W.B. This letter will be printed in the Orgone Energy Bulletin, April, 1961.

cc. to the other members of Dr. Wuerth-Geppa's research team:

Roy M. Allen, D.Sc.
James Hillier, Ph.D.
John A. Anderson, Ph.D.
Eleanor Alexander Jackson, Ph.D.
Lawrence W. Smith, M.D.
and to Alton L. Blakeslee, Associated Press Science Reporter

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The Editors
Cosmopolitan Magazine
57th St. at 4th Ave.
New York 19, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

We have just read the article, "Are Psychoanalysts Crazy?" by George Frazier in the January, 1951 issue of Cosmopolitan. It is most regrettable that a periodical like yours could fall so badly for the manipulations of dangerous irrationalism. Mr. Frazier's remarks on Wilhelm Reich (p. 96 of Cosmopolitan) are perfectly nonsensical, without basis in fact or truth, and bear witness to an irresponsible neglect of most primitive rules of public conduct on the part of journalists. The writer has obviously never seen an orgone energy accumulator, has never used one, and most probably has never read a line of the original literature which describes the discovery of the cosmic orgone energy. Reich is not and has not been for 20 years a "psychoanalyst," he has nothing to do with "bebop," he never proclaimed "a cure for cancer," the patients don't "climb in" and "stretch out" in the orgone energy accumulator, the accumulator does not solve "personality problems," Reich does not "rent accumulators to patients," - we could continue endlessly.

Any orgonometric publication will show you how irresponsible your publication of Frazier's remarks on Reich and orgone energy were. Will you give at least as much space to the truth as you gave to the lie?

Sincerely yours,

Myron R. Sharaf
Asst. in Public Relations
Interview with Mr. Thompson in regards to applying for a teaching job in the Rangeley schools—May 1951

M. "I want to talk to you about the possibility of getting a teaching job in the Rangeley School system."

T. "Where are you from?"

M. "New York, I have been teaching there for a couple of years."

T. "Why do you want to teach in Rangeley?"

M. "I like the country here. I don't like living in the city and want to get out of New York."

T. "How did you become interested in Rangeley?"

M. "I spent last summer here."

T. "Are you connected with Orgonon?"

M. "No."

T. "Are you interested in it or do you know any of the people who work there?"

M. "Yes, I'm very interested in the work and I know some of the people who work there."

T. "In that case I can tell you right now that you won't even stand a chance of being considered by the school board, let alone getting any kind of a job teaching."

M. "Why?"

T. "The people on the school board now don't want anyone who is in any way interested or connected with Orgonon. It is a small town and people in a small town get strange and suspicious ideas about anything new."
The following happened at the U.S.A customs in Norton Hills on June 24, 1951:

After Mr. Philip Finkel registered his car and case, a few minutes later a customs official came out and proceeded to question us. He was around 60 years old, angular of features, active in his movements, with brown hair and tanned skin. He asked us where we were going, and whether we had any Canadian beer and liquor we were bringing into the U.S.A. He replied in the negative. He then asked us to come into his office where he compared the names on our birth certificates with certain cards in a filing cabinet. In the case of my wife, he withdrew a card and asked her to go into another office, and accompanied her. Then he came out and asked us the places of birth of my parents and I mentioned that they were born in Lithuania and Poland. He then said that that was a hell of a place to be born in at present, and I agreed with him. I then mentioned that neither my wife nor I were communists and that in fact, we were anti-communist, and that I could not live with my wife if she were communist. He then said why did I bring that up. I did not answer, but I thought his previous remarks in regard to my parents place of birth were suggestive of that, and his searching of the files. He then asked my father's name before it was Grad, suggesting Gradovitz. I said that my name was Grad as long as I could remember. He then asked for the first names of my parents, and I told him. He searched again in the files, but did not withdraw any cards. He then mentioned that he had seen Finkel before, saying: "This is off the record but that sort of place was it some there in Europe, what do they have there," and then further: "Is it some sort of Jewish religious organization?" I replied that it was not any religious organization of any kind, and Finkel asked that it was not political in any way either. I then mentioned a word about Reich's work in biogenesis and cancer, and said that more people suffering from cancer would be living today if we were made of his discoveries. He then asked me to repeat the name, and I repeated it for him, adding L.I.D. He then asked me whether there was some sort of悬念ium there or laboratory. And I replied, it was a laboratory. He then asked me whether Dr. Reich was any camps there, and I replied that Mr. Reich had nothing to do with camps, and that we will be staying at one of the camps in the town. I then told him I was going to Bangor because I was a scientist, and I was very interested in Reich's work in cancer. I mentioned that that was part of my function as a scientist, and that I keep in touch with other scientists who work in these scientific fields in which I was also working.

My wife then came out of the same office and we were asked to wait in the car. After about 10 minutes, we were called back by a second customs official, (a man with glasses and around forty) who then told us that we could proceed to the U.S.A. He then said that we were questioned more this time than any of the previous times, and asked whether there was any complaint. He replied that this was part of their procedure before admitting people into the U.S.A. He also asked me what work I did, and I said that I was a biologist at McGill.

We were allowed to leave. My wife then told me that they asked here whether she belonged to any organization and where she worked. She then replied, that she used to be a member of the Federation of Canadian Artists and that that was the only organization she ever belonged to. They also asked the names and places of birth of her parents.

Bernard Grad Ph.D.

June 24, 1951
25th June, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 18th regarding the advertisement which appeared in "The New Statesman and Nation" on June 9th.

The person who placed this advertisement was making no claim at all to having been trained or authorised by the Orgone Institute; moreover, the advertiser was not intending to practice character analysis or orgone therapy. We took this matter up prior to inserting the advertisement, and in the words of the advertiser:

"The intention of advertisement is simply to find out what number of people would be interested in England in this treatment by a fully trained gerem."

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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Yours truly,

[Signature]

Manager.
In our strenuous struggle against all dictatorial power over man's right to live freely and to regulate his own life, we wonder whether such help rendered indirectly to the red fascists can be really necessary. We feel sure that your good offices will agree with us that such stupidities should not continue.

We would like to repeat our warning that if such harmful interference with Wilhelm Reich's work on the part of certain circles in the U.S. will not be rendered ineffective soon, the red fascists may in the end triumph in having outstripped the American government in using the cosmic orgone energy, discovered by Wilhelm Reich.

Sincerely yours,

Myron E. Sharaf
Officer of Publicity Relations for
THE WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION

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GO: The Department of Justice
The Immigration Office

Gov-Pr
Governor of Maine
Speaker Margaret Chase Smith
Orgone Institute

Gentlemen:

I enclosed a card of a man who called at my home July 31 7 p.m. and took a picture of the Accumulator, took a statement of cost of rental and how I found out about it. He also borrowed my copy of the Orgone Energy Bulletin & Medical Use of Accumulator.

He said he may be back & try to get the Accumulator itself for study.

Have you any suggestions?

... thank you,

Phillip J. Hummel
2218 31 St.
Oakland, Calif.

P.S. He also took down the number of the Railway Express Shipping tag.

Federal Security Agency
Food & Drug Administration
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. A. C. Murrey, Assistant to the Commissioner

Gentlemen:

A man of the orgone energy accumulator, Mr. Philip J. Hummel, 2218 31st Street, Oakland 3, California, wrote us recently that Mr. Stanley J. Gilmore, a representative of your San Francisco office, called at his home July 31, 1961 and took pictures of his accumulator, borrowed orgone literature, and stated that he might be back to get the accumulator itself for study. We have told Mr. Hummel that Mr. Gilmore has no legal right whatsoever to take the accumulator for study, and that he should tell Mr. Gilmore to contact us directly.

Now, the FDA received through information about the accumulator in 1947-48, and this information should be in your files. We have to protest sharply against the fact that accumulator users continue to be disturbed by such unwarranted investigations. We refer you to the Service and Regulatory Amendments, Food, Drug and Cosmetic No. 1, Revision B, Section 706.

If the FDA requires more factual information about the orgone energy accumulator, we request that you get in touch directly with us at the Wilhem Reich Foundation, Oragn, Hingham, Maine. This Foundation was incorporated by the State of Maine in December 1949; one of its principal purposes is to conduct research and teaching in various orgone energy including its medical and technical applications. (Org. Oragn Energy Bulletin, January 1961, pp 56-60.)

We request that you advise your field officers accordingly. We also refer you again to our extensive correspondence 1947-48. Kindly advise us if you have this correspondence in your files.

Very truly yours,

Izko Gilnandorff, Administrative Director

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Mr. Sidney Struble
Ray, St. John, Abramson & Schulman
180 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Struble:

We are enclosing for your information copies of our correspondence in an apparently new investigation of the orgone energy accumulator by the Food and Drug Administration. You may have heard about this incidence in the meantime through Dr. Baker. We do not know whether this case is just a local nuisance or whether it is the beginning of another series of investigations as in 1947/48. In any case, we would appreciate it greatly if you would get in touch immediately with the Food and Drug Administration in Washington to find out what is going on, to state our protest, and to try to settle this matter once and for all.

We would appreciate hearing from you just as soon as you have obtained any information.

Sincerely yours,

Pete Gilendorff
Administrative Director

August 3, 1951

Mr. Philip J. Hummel
2218 East 31 Street
Oakland 2, California

Dear Mr. Hummel:

We just received your letter of August 1st and would like to inform you that you are under no obligation, whatsoever, to give any kind of information to the Food and Drug Administration regarding the orgone energy accumulator; that Mr. Gilmore has no right, whatsoever, to ask you to give this accumulator to him for study.

You would be assisting us, in case this man should call back, if you would refuse to give him any information and would refer him to us and to the files of the Food and Drug Administration in Washington.

Thank you for your information and please keep us informed of further developments.

Sincerely yours,

Pete Gilendorff
To all Users of the Orgone Energy Accumulator:

We have been informed that investigators of the Food & Drug Administration have been contacting several users of the orgone energy accumulators in their homes, asking to see the accumulators and to take pictures of it. According to the Federal act regulating the distribution of devices for health measures, under which the orgone energy accumulator would fall, the Food & Drug Administration has the right to investigate all devices at the manufacturing plant only to make sure that it is correctly labeled, etc., but it is nowhere stated that they have the right to go into the homes of private citizens to investigate the accumulators there. You are not legally obligated to give them any information. Cosmic orgone energy is not a food, not a drug, not a cosmetic. The Food & Drug Administration is not equipped to understand cosmic orgone energy, and patients are not equipped to answer their questions.

Therefore request that in case an inspector of the Food & Drug Administration comes to your house, you do not give him any information but refer him to The Wilhelm Reich Foundation, Orgone, Rangeley, Maine, or to Mr. Sidney Struble of the Hay's Office, 120-Broadway, New York, N.Y. Should you refuse to comply with this request, please inform us. We thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Ferencroth
Accumulator Department
Dr. Scherer of Orgone Institute telephoned me today from Rangley, Maine. He said that Mr. Murray of the Food & Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., had been making an investigation of the Orgone Institute's accumulator and that he had been, through his investigators, questioning lessees of the accumulator from the Institute as to their experience with it, how it worked, the terms under which they were permitted to use it, etc.

Dr. Scherer told Mr. Murray that, in his opinion, the Food & Drug Administration was exceeding its authority when it made such an investigation since, by no stretch of the imagination, could the Orgone Accumulator fall within a category of a food or a drug. He also objected to the Government's meddling in the matter and upsetting users of the accumulator who would be bound to get the impression that the Government thought something was wrong or improper about the accumulator, or about the people that used it. He told Mr. Murray that he was going to send a letter to lessees of the accumulator advising them not to answer any questions that the Government investigators ask them unless they did so under a duly issued subpoena in a court proceeding, or before some person authorized by law to take their testimony.

Dr. Scherer wanted to know from me if he could really write such a letter and I told him I could see no harm in his doing so.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

August 24, 1951

MISS ILSE OLLENDORFF
Administrative Director
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
P. O., Rangley,
Maine

In re: Food & Drug Administration
Investigation of Orgone Accumulator
Dear Madam:

We regret the delay in replying to your letter of August 3 with reference to the investigation of the "Orgone Energy Accumulator" in the possession of Mr. Philip J. Hummel, Oakland, California, by an inspector of this Administration.

Mr. Gilmore visited Mr. Hummel in connection with routine enforcement of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act under which it is our obligation to secure information concerning the Orgone Energy Accumulator, as well as all other devices on the market intended for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease. Section 704 of the Act, to which you refer in your letter, provides for inspection such as was made in this instance. You are quite correct in your understanding that inspectors of this Administration have no authority to take merchandise from consignees without their permission. Only the court can authorize seizure of devices alleged to be in violation of the Act; and in that case, United States Marshals make the attachments.

The 1947-49 correspondence which you mention is in our files. We note your offer to furnish additional factual information about the Orgone Accumulator at the Foundation in Rangeley, Maine. If opportunity arises, we may be glad to accept your invitation and to make an inspection there in the future.

Very truly yours,

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Mrs. Ilae Gillendorff
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
Rangeley, Maine

Dear Madam:

The investigation by the Food and Drug Administration of the Orgone Energy Accumulator, which ran for six months in 1947-48, has failed to provide the information you now seek, just as does the literature of The Wilhelm Reich Foundation. We are, therefore, forced to state the following:

1. Cosmic orgone energy is neither a food, a drug nor a cosmetic. It is therefore not within your domain.

2. Your office is not equipped scientifically, experimentally or theoretically to cope with or to understand cosmic orgone energy. The Atomic Energy Commission has rightly stated that orgone is BANGING NATURAL RESEARCH beyond your domain.

3. If you wish to obtain any information about the cosmic orgone energy, please study the literature of the Orgone Institute Press (of enclosed catalogue of publications). We shall be ready to give more information of you need it, at The Wilhelm Reich Foundation or through our legal representative, Mr. Sidney Struble, of the Beye, St. John, Abrams & Schalman office, 120 Broadway, New York, N.Y. However, we shall not cooperate with you, in view of the fact that life energy is a new discovery obeying new specific laws.

4. The patients who are medically supervised in the use of orgone energy, and other users of the orgone energy accumulator, have been advised to refer any information to your agency on the basis that only trained and experienced workers can give proper information. They have been advised to refer your inspectors directly to us or to our legal representative. Our patients cannot be bothered under any circumstances.
5. The best of your readiness to cooperate with us, a cooperation which was entirely lacking in 1947, will be your willingness to go directly to the Wilhelm Reich Foundation or its legal representative for information. If your administration sincerely wishes to learn about the functions of orgasmic energy, we shall be glad to inform you.

6. Should you not cooperate with us in trying to understand the discovery of the life energy, we shall be forced to close access to any and all information to you and all of your agents. If necessary, we shall let the matter go to the highest court, revealing to the fullest to an alert and informed public one of the most scandalous affairs in the history of science.

7. The discovery of the life energy is important and fundamental enough to require the setting up of entirely new federal regulations for its administration, since it has revealed qualities crucial in the use of atomic energy and in preventive medicine.

8. There are no authorities, and no authorities will be recognized, in this field of new basic research except those the work in it continuously.

9. Your investigation in 1947 was precipitated by red fascists, beginning with the Wilder Sibley essay minor article in the New Republic (same edition as Henry Wallace) under the influence of the Communist Party. It was later continued by members of the phonograph industry which felt threatened by the discovery of the cosmic orgasmic energy. These interests have already tried on many occasions to play the usual game of slander, defamation and character assassination, in order to kill the discovery of the life energy. (For some of the background of the campaign of 1947, cf. the endless pamphlets, NATIONAL PLANE TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS.)

The investigation of 1947 was a great bother to us and severely disrupted our important work. We refuse to be bothered again if the motives of 1947 are perfectly clear to us. Our public responsibility is to serve today to permit a repetition of the madness practices and procedures of 1947. We request that you try to understand our work, the importance and our need for peace and quiet, that you do not mistake the former "Red Radicals" as you did in 1947 when your agents intruded into the private lives of people under biopsychiatric treatment. We believe that it is the obligation of a responsible agency of the U.S. Government to be able to distinguish between a possible fraud and serious scientific pioneer work.

Sincerely yours,

The Staff and Members of The Wilhelm Reich Foundation

[Names and positions of individuals involved in the investigation]

[Further details and addresses of the members of the Wilhelm Reich Foundation]

[Addresses to whom the letter was sent]
The President's Office
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from the Foundation to the Food and Drug Administration.

We also wish to inform you that within several weeks we shall send to your office page proof of the October, 1961 issue of the Orgone Energy Bulletin, which is devoted to the results of the first experiment on the effect of orgone energy versus nuclear energy, for your consideration of possible dangers resulting from its publication. (Or., also The Orgone Energy Emergency Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 3, December, 1960 on "The Orgone Anti-Nuclear Radiation Project (GRANER)" which was forwarded to you and our letter to your office of December 19, 1960).

Sincerely yours,

Myron R. Sharaf
Public Relations Officer

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National Research Council
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from the Foundation to the Food and Drug Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Myron R. Sharaf
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Mr. E. L. Milstead
Director of Regulatory Management
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
Food and Drug Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We regret to inform you that we cannot accept your letter of September 18, 1951 as an adequate answer to our letter of August 25, 1951. This matter is very serious.

Sincerely yours,

Byron R. Sharaf
Public Relations Officer
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. E. L. Milstead
Director of Regulatory Management

Based on a careful review of the information in your letter of August 25, 1951, and other facts available, it is our opinion that the articles you are distributing are devices as defined in section 201(h) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(h)).

Although your organization has apparently previously been supplied with a copy of this law, another copy is enclosed for your ready reference.

Very truly yours,

K. L. Milstead
Director of Regulatory Management

October 22nd, 1951

Mr. K. L. Milstead, Director of Regulatory Management

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17th, 1951.

Since new laws for the administrative of the cosmic orgone energy are required for the protection of the public and the interest of the United States; since, furthermore, your regulations contain nothing and cannot contain anything about cosmic orgone energy, the whole matter should be handled by lawyers. Would you kindly contact our lawyers: Mr. Sidney Struble, 120 Broadway, New York, N.Y., or Mr. Peter Mills, Farmington, Maine, if necessary.

Our standpoint regarding your right to invade the privacy of patients and to judge cosmic orgone energy remains basically the same as that expressed in our letter of August 25, 1951. We do not, of course, doubt or have ever doubted your right to see to it that devices are properly labelled and their construction, composition and use properly described. In this respect we agree fully with your regulations.

Sincerely yours,

Byron R. Sharaf
Public Relations Officer

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Excerpt from a letter from Dr. Walter Hopp, Tel-Aviv, to Dr. Wilhelm Reich

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February 9th, 1952

I had a correspondence with Herbert Samuel when he was here. I wrote him, Tel-Aviv, January 4, 1952.

Dear Lord Samuel, I read in the newspapers reports of your lecture in England and your opposition to Einstein and the theoretical physicists. I was astonished to find that your ideas and formulations were in agreement with the discovery of the Orgone Energy by Dr. Wilhelm Reich (now in U.S.A.) anno 1939.

The energy is the primordial cosmic energy and the biological energy (in human beings, animals and plants). The orgone energy functions can be demonstrated with the thermometer, electrocope, Seiger counter. It is visible in a darkroom, intensities in high vacuum, can be accumulated and motorized. The therapeutic significance is tremendous.

I like to give you more information if you take an interest in these facts.

Sincerely yours, ...

The answer was as follows:

"King David Hotel, Jerusalem, January 8, 1952.

Dear Sir, I have to thank you for your letter of January 4th. I had already received in London a number of papers from America relating to the Orgone Institute, but they did not appear to me to be relevant to the suggestions made in my recently published book Essay in Physics. The lecture that I delivered last summer at Edinburgh to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, to which you refer in your letter, was bound upon the ideas put forward in that book. It may possibly interest you to know that next Sunday evening Jan. 13th, I am to deliver a lecture to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on the same lines. Yours sincerely, (signed) Samuel"
About half a dozen of our friends were present at the lecture. I was not there. One of our people talked to him and referred him to the orgone energy. Samuel is reported to have answered that he had received a communication and literature from the Orgone Institute; that he had looked at it and received the impression that it contained too much mysticism and that he could not find his way through it.

I have the impression that Samuel took the raising out of your case, but otherwise wants to distinguish separate himself from you in order not to have to take up the sexual question.
Dear Sirs,

I feel impelled to bring some unpleasant business to your attention. I work in the publicity and advertising departments of G. P. Putnam's Sons, 210 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. In our list of books for fall publication there has appeared the title, "Science and the Brilliant Crackpots", by Martin Gardner. John I. Elliott is listed as the agent, and October 1952 as the tentative month of publication.

The name of the editor working with this book is Robert M. Amussen. He told me that there would be a chapter on Reich, which he had not yet seen. He told me that he would show it to me when it came in from the author. He said that he believed Gardner would give facts, the truth. Mr. Amussen said that he thought Mr. Gardner had been in touch with the Foundation. I told the editor that this would bear thorough checking, because there are many misconceptions and untruths prevalent about Dr. Reich and his work. I told him that although Dr. Reich's work was internationally known, and had had his experiments confirmed many times, there were many who could not face the truth. I presented, and turned against Dr. Reich and spread untruths. I reminded him that the history of science was full of cases of persecution and destruction of honest workers. The editor knew of such cases. I made no claim for Reich's work, but only tried to impress the seriousness of the matter, and the responsibility to get the facts, upon the editor.

Martin Gardner, according to Mr. Amussen, is a free-lance writer who has had articles in the Antioch Review and Scientific American. Last month he had an article about logic machines in the latter publication. He did not know much else about him. I could not ascertain Gardner's scientific background, or his other qualifications for writing the book.

I told Mr. Amussen that I would write to the Wilhelm Reich Foundation and he voiced no objection. I am thought of well here, and my two conversations with the editor have not impaired our relationship in the slightest as far as I am aware. I have no objection to your mentioning my name should you do so, but when the chapter on Reich is completed by Mr. Gardner, I suggest you refer to the Foundation.

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) David J. Baruch

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79 Horatio Street
New York 14, N. Y.
April 16, 1952

The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
Orgonon
P. O. Rangeley
Mine

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) Byron M. Sharaf, for the Wilhelm Reich Foundation

50. Judge Peter Mills, Mills and Mills Law Offices, Farmington, Maine
Mr. Sidney Struble, S/O Hay, St. John, Abromson & Schulman, New York City.
May 21, 1952

Mr. Robert K. Amussen
G. P. Putnam's Sons
210 Madison Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Amussen:

Your letter of May 9 addressed to Myron R. Sharaf of The
Wilhelm Reich Foundation has been turned over to me for reply.

We appreciate your willingness to send us a copy of the chapter
on Wilhelm Reich from Mr. Gardner's forthcoming book IN THE NAME
OF SCIENCE. We are looking forward to receiving it and shall write
to you again when we have read it.

Will you kindly have this material sent to my attention?

Yours sincerely,

Lois Wyvell
Executive Director
ORGONE INSTITUTE PRESS
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation

June 16, 1952

Miss Lois Wyvell
Executive Director
Orgone Institute Press
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation
P.O. Box 183
Rangeley, Maine

Dear Miss Wyvell:

Here, as we promised you, is a carbon of the
chapter dealing with the work of Wilhelm Reich
from Martin Gardner's book IN THE NAME OF
SCIENCE. We are working on a pretty close
schedule, and we would appreciate it if you
could return the chapter with your comments
as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

(signed) Robert K. Amussen

July 29th, 1952

On this date, July 29th, 1952, three gentlemen, allegedly from the
Food and Drug Administration, Mr. A. Harris Kavan of the Boston Office,
Dr. Robert B. Heller and Dr. Karl W. Elsasser of the Washington Office, drove
up, without previous appointment, through posted property and through several
signs reading "No Admittance", "No Trespassing", "No Visitors, By Written
Appointment Only", and through a closed chain which they took down, to the
Orgone Energy Observatory at Orgone, Rangeley, Maine. Thus, Government
agents, posing as representatives of law and order, broke the law.

According to the caretaker's testimony (Thomas N. Rose), the chain was closing
the road when these gentlemen came, and this testimony was corroborated by
Dr. McDonald who left before the three gentlemen and who found the chain put
up across the road.

They requested to see Dr. Reich and said that they wanted to inspect the
factory where the Orgone Energy Accumulators are being built. The following
facts show, however, that their objective was not to seek information, but
rather to cause trouble, as they had done in 1947.

Mr. Kavan had not seen or read any of the literature pertaining to the
accumulator or orgone energy. He did not know the Orgone Energy Accumulator
pamphlet. He had never bothered to make himself acquainted with any of the
countless facts which have accumulated about orgone energy over the past 15
years.

The physicist, Dr. Heller, had only read the Ornamur Experiment, but he had
not read anything else. He did not recognize a Geiger Mueller Counter when it
was put into operation. He gave as his function the checking of the physicial
output of devices, but he had not even tried to acquaint himself with the nature of the energy on which he was to pass judgment. When asked what his specialty in physics was, he did not give a clear-cut answer, in spite of several questions.

The third gentleman, Dr. Brimmer, said that he had "reviewed" the literature, but it turned out that he had not read anything, nor did he understand anything.

It was perfectly obvious from the whole set-up that they came in order to make trouble, since otherwise they would have proceeded in a serious and decent manner: They would have announced their coming; they would have made an appointment; they would have become fully acquainted with the literature which has been published so far. They would, first of all, not have trespassed unlawfully on private property.

Since the malignant intent of their procedure was perfectly clear, Wilhelm Reich refused to give any information. In summary, it can be said that there was not only ignorance and arrogance at work, but also full disrespect based on ignorance. Wilhelm Reich expressed it to them in the presence of Felix Olsander in the following way: We are not in Hitleria or in Nodjeland yet.

I, Thomas E. Rose, Caretaker at Orgonon, Rangeley, Maine, hereby confirm the following:

On July 29th, 1952, I put up the chain across the road leading to the Observatory at 11:20 AM, thus closing the road, after Dr. Helen E. McDonald had passed through on her way to the Observatory. I did not remove the chain again until 2:30 PM.

July 30th, 1952

[Signature]
Thomas E. Rose
CARE TAKER

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ORGONE INST. No. 378a

Dr. Wilhelm Reich,
ORGONON,
Rangeley, Maine:

My dear Dr. Reich:

When I left the Observatory at Orgonon, at about 12:00, on Tuesday, July 29th, after our conference had been interrupted by the unexpected arrival of a car, with three men, with whom you were talking, I drove down the hill and found the chain in place across the driveway at the Student Laboratory. After unfastening the chain and driving out, I replaced the chain. Before I had reached the road from Badger's Camps to the Highway, the car with the three passengers also came down, one of the men loosened the chain, and the car passed through.

This memorandum is for your files.

Respectfully yours,

Helen E. McDonald.
The Food and Drug Administration men complained to Mr. Collins, the builder of orgone energy accumulators in Rangeley, that they did not know why they were asked to leave the premises at Orgonon. We shall explain why:

1. They came without making an appointment in advance, thus clearly expressing contempt. Nobody enters the Institute without an appointment. They passed one sign at the road, 3 x 4 feet, which says clearly: "Orgonomic Basic Research - Restricted Area - No Admittance". They passed the Student's Laboratory where, according to Mr. Thomas Ross, the chain was on across the road when they arrived, and according to Dr. Helen McDonald, the chain was on when they left. They passed one "No Trespassing" sign right at the hooked-up chain. They passed, taking down the chain, thus committing trespass on private property. They further passed two signs, one again "No Trespassing", the other "No Visitors - By Written Appointment Only". They passed on land and property against the law, on land which is posted. The reader may be astonished about the many "No Trespassing" signs. However, he may rest assured that, if Orgonon were under government operation, it would be guarded by a large military detail.

2. At their arrival at the Observatory Building they were told by Miss Olenendorff that nobody can see Reich without an appointment. They were about to leave, when a decided to rush down, interrupting a conference with the biologist Dr. McDonald, to tell them off, clearly, unmistakably, and for good. They had not read anything. After a six months investigation by their own office in 1947-48, they still did not know what an Orgone Energy Accumulator was. After facts about orgone energy have been published for five years, after four years of publication of the Orgone Energy Bulletin, with about 40,000 copies of books and with such restraint.
periodicals distributed on the discovery of the Life Energy, they still did not know and did not seem to care to know what they were going to "investigate", "control", "take under their law". THIS IS BAD GOVERNMENT OF THE WORST SORT, and we are not going to go down the drain fully yet. We are not YET in Nodisland or in Hitleria, the American variety. We expect from government that it be decent and informed, and that it know what it is dealing with. We refuse to be governed by bad government.

2. Only charlatans go about serious things in such a manner. Had these ignorant and impertinent people done what they intended to do, namely to "inspect", and "test" the orgone energy accumulator, they would not have understood a thing, they would have seen a "box" filled with various materials, they would, in accordance with their experience with crooks in the food and pharmaceutical business, have thought that was another deception of the public in order to make easy money, they would have easily found a writer in any magazine who employs sensationalist writers, a Modju who would have written, for the sake of thrill, a story on the newest kind of fraud by that great agency, the Food and Drug Administration.

WE DO NOT WISH TO BE GOVERNED BY ADMINISTRATORS WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH.

3. After having secured the fact that they knew nothing about Orgone Energy, that they did not give a damn really to know about it, that they had introduced themselves by breaking in unlawfully, and that they were only out to cause trouble again, I asked them to leave the property.

4. I told them

a) that there are no authorities on Orgone Energy, since it is neither a food, nor a drug, nor a cosmetic;
b) that there are no authorities whatever in new fields of natural research, except those who work in the field;
c) that the orgone energy accumulator is not a device like a sparking machine, that it may or may not be a device in the sense of their law;
d) that would insist on new laws to govern the cosmic energy;
e) that, before a full explanation of the many mysteries of the 1947 investigation were given, nothing could be expected from us;
f) that to give in to their practices would mean giving in, as a responsible citizen, to bad government;
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This request was in agreement with a letter written to the Food and Drug Administration on August 3rd, 1951. This letter stated:

5. I did not tell them what we knew well would have impressed them greatly, about the long lists of hundreds of great institutions who had ordered the orgonomin literature, especially the Oranur Experiment, among them General Electric, Mass. Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Institute, Stockholm Institute of Technology, Adult Education Columbia University, etc., etc., refused to take this easy road, since more is involved than getting some ignorant administrators off ones neck. I wanted to see how far such nuisance can go today in the United States which in the world represents the principle of self-government and responsible citizenship. HOW FAR HAS MODJU COME IN THE USA?? This is a most serious, scientific question of basic social research.

5. Once we stop using our rights well and in a responsible manner against such uninformed and ignorant servants of the people, we would deserve no better than some Super-Modju in the White House. It would be our own fault and nobody else. To teach people to use less empty, boasting critical talk and to make a firm stand against such bad government practices, appears as a major task of our time. Accordingly, the gentlemen who broke through the gates at Orgonon to investigate something about
August 2, 1952

Dr. Elsworth F. Baker,
51 Dance Road,
Fairhaven, N. J.

Dear Dr. Baker:

Dr. Reich - Food, Drug &c. Dept.

Hereewith copy of letter which I sent to the Federal Security Agency, which administers this law, as a result of phone conversation today (Saturday).

I deem this approach - the direct one - the best.

The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Revision of 1938), is administered by the Federal Security Administrator.

The act comprehends food, drugs, devices and cosmetics.

The term "device" is interpreted in the statute as meaning "instruments, apparatus, and contrivances, including their components, parts and accessories, intended (1) for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or other animals; or (2) to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals".

This definition should enable you to determine whether ULAMUR is within same.

Once we find out what the Administrator is after, we can look into same and determine the situation and what steps should be taken.

In my opinion, Dr. Reich was justified in ordering the intruder or intruders off the private property, being wholly within his legal rights. The Federal Constitution and laws and decisions of the Federal Courts are very strict in regard to same, although state laws and decisions are not. The men had no right to enter the premises, unless they had permission or they were Federal officers with search warrant.

As soon as I receive word, will advise you immediately, and suggest that you advise me immediately if anything further develops.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY GREEN

P. S. Herewith extra copy of this letter for Dr. Reich.

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ORGONE AT. REPRINT TO
INSTITUTE No. 811 BROADWAY
August 2, 1952
LONG BRANCH, N. J

COPY TO: Dr. Wilhelm Reich
Federal Security Agency,
Division of Federal Food, Drug,
and Cosmetic,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: DR. VILMA RUCE,
Rangely, Maine.

I represent the above-named, who is connected with The
Orgone Institute, The Wilhelm Reich Foundation and associated
organizations.

Recently, representative or representatives of your Agency
entered upon private property occupied by above-named, which was
duly noticed with appropriate signs, and attempted to intrude them-
selves upon him, without permission and without having arranged
appointment with him in advance.

I desire to make protest with you against any such actions.

If you desire any information as if you will advise me
generally what it is, and if you are entitled to it, you may rest
assured that it will be furnished.

May I hear from you concerning this matter at your earliest
opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

Harry Green

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On July 29th, 1952, at 12 noon, three gentlemen who later
showed badges of the Food and Drug Administration in Boston
and Washington, with the following names:
A. Morris Meves, Inspector, Boston District
Robert B. Miller, physicist, Washington, D. C.
Erez F. Winiower, M.D., Washington, D. C.

trespassed unlawfully on our property Orgone, Rangely, Maine,
by driving through a road closed by a chain and several No Tres-
passing signs up to the Orgone Energy Observatory. These safety
measures are based on the fact that our research laboratories
are doing nationally crucial work (see Oramar Report), and that
our property would be guarded by a large military detail if it
were government operated.

We cannot quite believe that a serious government agency
would send officers who break in that way, without previous
annoucement or appointment.

Would you be kind enough to look into this matter, whether
these men are really officers of the Food and Drug Administration,
and on whose behalf or direction they trespassed unlawfully on
this institute's property.

Sincerely yours,

Elise Olistenoff, Secretary
for THE WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION
Orgone-Energy Research Laboratories
August 5th, 1952

Elsworth T. Baker, M.D.
51 Hance Road
Fair Haven, N.J.

No. 364A

Dear Dr. Baker:

I am enclosing a few documents for your file, and for possible discussion with the lawyer.

It is of crucial importance to view clearly the situation as it is, in the lawful incorporation of the orgone energy into present-day social frameworks.

1. It is questionable whether the orgone energy accumulator can be designated as a "device." Are 2 palms, moved toward and against each other, or two metal plates doing the same, thus exciting orgone energy, a "device"?

2. Is a water jug which contains and handles water and makes drinking possible, a device in that sense?

3. Is a heap of steel wool which accumulates orgone energy spontaneously, a device to be inspected by the Food and Drug Administration?

4. Is the accumulator itself which energetically cannot be sharply delineated from its energetic environment, a device?

I do not pretend to be able to answer these questions. The only thing I want to point out with these questions is that orgone energy devices, if at all, cannot possibly be delivered to the practitioner of the FDA as we know them.

You will see from the statements 1 and 2 that these gentlemen come with rather doubtful intentions, and that to my deep regret I had to ask them to leave Orgone. They came fully unprepared, especially the physicist who had read only the Orgone Experiment, after we had made it clear to them in a letter of August 3rd, 1951, that we would cooperate with them—only if they came fully prepared and familiar with the orgonistic literature. They also did not seem to be aware of the fact that I, personally, have nothing whatsoever to do with the distribution of the accumulator.
Projeto Arte Org
Redescobrindo e reinterpretando W. Reich

Caro Leitor

Infelizmente, no que se refere a orgonomia, seguir os passos de Wilhelm Reich e de sua equipe de investigadores é uma questão bastante difícil, polêmica e contraditória, cheia de diferentes interpretações que mais confundem do que ajudam.

Por isto, nós decidimos trabalhar com o material bibliográfico presente nos microfilmes (Wilhelm Reich Collected Works Microfilms) em forma de PDF, disponibilizados por Eva Reich que já se encontra circulado pela internet, e que abarca o desenvolvimento da orgonomia de 1941 a 1957.

Dividimos este "material" de acordo com as revistas publicadas pelo instituto de orgonomia do qual o Reich era o diretor.

01 - International Journal of Sex Economy and Orgone Research (1942-1945).
02 - Orgone Energy Bulletin (1949-1953)
03 - CORE Cosmic Orgone Engineering (1954-1956)

E logo dividimos estas revistas de acordo com seus artigos, apresentando-os de forma separada (em PDF), o que facilita a organizá-los por assunto ou temas. Assim, cada qual pode seguir o rumo de suas leituras de acordo com os temas de seu interesse.

Todo o material estará disponível em inglês na nuvem e poderá ser acessado a partir de nossas páginas Web.

Sendo que nosso intuito aqui é simplesmente divulgar a orgonomia, e as questões que a ela se refere, de acordo com o próprio Reich e seus colaboradores diretos relativos e restritos ao tempo e momento do próprio Reich.

Quanto ao caminho e as postulações de cada um destes colaboradores depois da morte de Reich, já é uma questão que extrapola nossas possibilidades e nossos interesses. Sendo que aqui somente podemos ser responsáveis por nós mesmos e com muitas restrições.

Alguns destes artigos, de acordo com nossas possibilidades e interesse, já estamos traduzindo.
Não somos tradutores especializados e, portanto, pedimos a sua compreensão para possíveis erros que venham a encontrar.

Em nome da comunidade Arte Org.

Texts from the area emotional plague and society part two. The Supreme Court case. U.S.A. versus Reich.

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