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GlaxoSmithKline & Seroxat

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Dear Mr Hosie MP for Dundee East,

Further to our meeting on Tuesday 8th March to discuss matters relating to GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), the ABPI, MHRA and the defective antidepressant Seroxat it has come to my attention that certain companies inclusive of UK based pharmaceutical giant GSK have been exposed as having previously paid bribes to Saddam Hussein's regime, a breach of sanctions of the poorly thought out UN oil-for-food programme brought to light by Mr Paul Volcker a former Chairman of the US Federal Reserve. Mr Volcker compiled a report two years ago of companies directly involved in this scandal leading this week to an investigation by the UK Government Serious Fraud Office. The Guardian newspaper suggests that Saddam Hussein was enabled to amass \$1.8 Billion Dollars thus allowing Saddam to escape capture for some considerable time.

GlaxoSmithKline were directly involved in this fraudulent activity, and I quote directly from the enclosed article, "*The inquiry will draw on Mr Volcker's evidence. He accused GSK of paying kickbacks worth \$1m to win nine contracts valued at \$11.9m to supply medicines.*"

Whilst I do not condone capital punishment in any form (the hanging of Saddam Hussein for crimes against humanity during the festive period of 2006 was despicable) he would have been brought to justice a lot sooner had it not been for the fraudulent activities of pharmaceutical companies GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca and a whole host of other companies. I feel it pertinent to point out the hypocrisy of capital punishment in cases such as Saddam Hussein, just because he purportedly murdered 1000's of people did not justify the taking of his life surely that in itself is a crime against humanity as well? No weapons of mass destruction were ever found in Iraq despite assurances by the UK Government that these existed, therefore the UK and US Governments were not justified in the current Iraq war, which is clearly all about oil and always has been. Soldiers deployed to Iraq are being killed on a daily basis purely to line the pockets of the oil industry, and previous to the capture of Saddam Hussein the wide pockets of the pharmaceutical industry.

On another matter there is an obvious collusion between GSK (and unquestionably other industries out-with the pharmaceutical industry) and the UK Government. Your Parliamentary colleague Mr Paul Flynn MP for Newport West discovered following the excellent BBC Panorama documentary 'Secrets of the Drugs Trials' that GSK had previously canvassed MP's with constituency interests in the manufacturer of Seroxat with a letter informing them not to sign any of his Early Day Motions critical of the conduct of GlaxoSmithKline following the broadcast of the aforementioned Panorama documentary.

As you are aware the BBC Panorama documentary 'Secrets of the Drug Trials' was very critical of GSK, and its concealment of paediatric Seroxat clinical trial 329 (which I previously provided you with a summary) suggestive that children and young adults were at an increased risk of suicide compared to other clinical trial participants taking a dummy sugar pill. The United States Food and Drug Administration have re-evaluated the Paroxetine (Seroxat) raw clinical trial data and this produced the astounding result that children are statistically 6.4 times more at risk of suffering suicidal thoughts and acts than had they been prescribed nothing at all (something GSK knew all along), and a 3 fold increase in adults suffering exactly the same reaction to the drug, confirmation of the serious adverse drug and withdrawal reactions that both I and many other adults have long complained of having suffered. It has been almost four years now since the Department of Health Enforcement Officers began an investigation to determine whether or not GlaxoSmithKline had concealed Seroxat clinical trial evidence.

If GSK have not concealed evidence then by implication the MHRA have knowingly placed the lives of thousands of patients prescribed the drug in peril and have unquestionably caused innumerable deaths by suicide.

As spokesperson for the Online Seroxat Support Group we call on the Department of Health to conclude the investigation of GlaxoSmithKline, the manufacturer of Seroxat so clearly have concealed evidence that their blockbuster antidepressant causes suicidal reactions in all age groups and for GSK to be prosecuted for the murder of UK citizens, both child and adult.

Additionally a Government compensation scheme ought to be initiated for those who have suffered what are very serious adverse reactions, something the Government drugs regulator the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency have long known about, but who failed to warn patients and health care professionals, not to mention taking appropriate action against the manufacturer GSK. A moratorium on the prescribing of Seroxat to new patients must be instigated to protect already vulnerable patients from further harm via a defective antidepressant medicine.

I look forward to receiving correspondence from your office on the above noted matters, in addition to the promised letter regarding your meeting with the ABPI.

Yours Sincerely,

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