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Friday, July 07, 2006 1:44 PM

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Tanksley, Susan; Suarez, Lucina; Hutcheson, Eldridge

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Deforest, Peter, Langlois, Peter

Subject:

RE: press release for blood spot bank

I talked to Sue and she is fine with our concerns and wishes - she'll tell the Development person that this is not a good time. Thanks All.

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----Original Message-----From: Tanksley, Susan

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 11:30 AM

To: Canfield, Mark; Suarez, Lucina; Hutcheson, Eldridge

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Subject: RE: press release for blood spot bank

I agree with Mark. This makes me nervous. Genetic privacy is a big ethical issue & even though IRB approval is required for use of the spots in most situations and great care is taken to protect the identity of the spots, a press release would most likely only generate negative publicity.

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----Original Message-----From: Canfield, Mark

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 10:24 AM

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Subject: FW: press release for blood spot bank

what do you think of this idea? Makes me a bit nervous. Am I over-reacting?

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----Original Message----

From: Susan E. Carozza [mailto:scarozza@srph.tamhsc.edu]

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 10:13 AM To: Canfield, Mark; Langlois, Peter

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Subject: press release for blood spot bank

Hi Mark and Peter(s) -

I'm afraid our new development person here at SRPH really wants to do a press release about the dried blood spot bank (as publicity for SRPH of course). I am actually quite awful at these things, but I'm probably going to have to give her something. Do you guys have any objections, or stipulations for content, for this? The only potentially dicey thing I can think of from this end is explaining why A&M and not some other institution. I just want to be sure I don't cause any problems with any of your collaborators or constituencies.

So, I could use some guidance (and quickly!). Or if you have serious issues, just let me know and I'll tell her its not appropriate.

Thanks -

sue

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