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MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

December 14, 1981

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Angenics, Inc.
100 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA

Dear Mr. Healy:

On December 7, 1981, I inspected the Angenics, Inc. company and talked with its President, Dr. Albert Fox. We toured the entire facility, offices, laboratories and animal quarters. The company is developing resources to produce immunodiagnostic kits for agricultural use including live stock to detect various components which are detrimental to the quality and purity of products in agriculture.

The company uses monoclonal antibodies which are produced in mice. These antibodies allow very specific tests. The company uses no other animals than mice. (There are no dogs, for example, in the building.) The labs and animal quarters are very clean. Cleanliness is as necessary here as in various aspects of electronics manufacturing as in both cases any contaminants may result in a product which can't be used. Since the mice (which are specific strains procured from the Charles River Breeding Laboratories) become very valuable, great care is taken to protect their health and protect them from contaminants. The animal quarters have sealed walls and filtered air exchange.

The company (building and processes) follows guidelines of the American Organization of Analytic Chemists in order to receive their approval of tests, and is regulated by the State Department of Labor and the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau. The company utilizes veterinary consultants from Cornell.

Robert W. Healy

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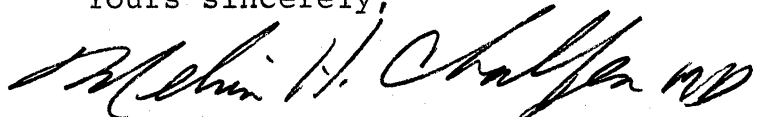
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The labs and animal quarters show attention has been paid to good practice for animal (mice) quarters, to industrial hygiene and to good laboratory practice. See also Dr. Bahceli's letter of November 6, 1981.

No evidence of potential hazard to the public health was found.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melvin H. Chalfen MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "MD" at the end being more distinct.

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

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YASHAR BAHCELI, D.V.M.

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138

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November 6, 1981

Dr. Melvin Chalfen
Commissioner of Health and Hospitals
16 Camelia Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Dr. Chalfen:

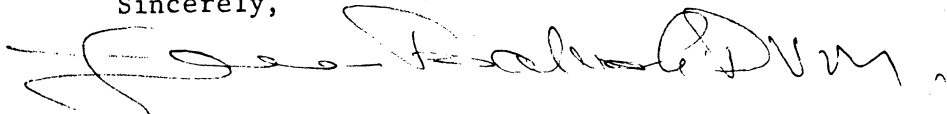
On October 23, 1981 I went to inspect the facilities of Angenics, Inc. located at 100 Inman Street, Cambridge.

I met with the President, Dr. Alfred E. Fox. Dr. Fox was very cooperative and allowed me to tour his facility. I found the facility to have the latest up-to-date equipment necessary to keep the research taking place contained within the proper areas. There were approximately 1,000 mice in small cages on shelves. The air that is coming into and going out of these rooms is being filtered at all times. After closing each door the rooms become air tight.

The company is a private research company studying different types of immunology and making test kits.

I feel an M.D. from the Cambridge Public Health Department should inspect the facility as it relates to the use and production of their products.

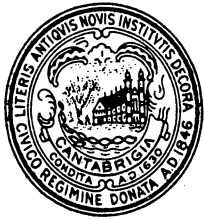
Sincerely,



Yashar Bahceli, DVM
Inspector of Animals
City of Cambridge
Department of Public Health

cc: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

December 14, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 9 relative to the new animal experimentation lab at 100 Inman Street, enclosed please find copy of a report from Dr. Melvin H. Chalfen, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item Number Ten *S. 671*

Re: Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Nine, regarding the animal experimentation
lab at 100 Inman Street.

In City Council,

December 14, 1981

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