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Re: Child Sexual Abuse by Dr. Reginald MacGregor Archibald

I am writing on behalf of 200 patients who were sexually abused as child research subjects at Rockefeller University Hospital by one of its leading physicians, Dr. Reginald MacGregor Archibald. As one of the entities or public agencies which credentialed, licensed, or supervised Dr. Archibald and his work, you are in a unique position, and have a distinct obligation, to investigate Dr. Archibald's involvement with your organization. His victims and the public deserve and demand a full accounting of any complaints filed against him, any disciplinary or ethics review of him or his work, and any records whatsoever mentioning him or his research, including his scientific experiments on children and human semen.

In October 2018, Rockefeller University admitted that children entrusted to its care were sexually abused by Dr. Reginald Archibald, an esteemed biochemist, pediatric doctor, endocrinologist, and researcher who was employed by them during the 1940s through the early 1990s. On May 23, 2019, Debevoise and

Plimpton (whose founder sat on Rockefeller's board for years) released a report on its internal investigation of Dr. Archibald's decades-long tenure at Rockefeller University Hospital (formerly known as the Rockefeller Institute). Debevoise concluded that "it is clear that Archibald, taking advantage of his position as a trusted and respected physician and researcher, engaged in a widespread pattern of misconduct and sexually abused many children at the Hospital over the course of many years when offering patients medical care and treatment."

Dr. Archibald's medical practice and research focused not only on childhood growth disorders, but sexual maturity with a particular emphasis on boys. Dr. Archibald's interests were similar to another Rockefeller Foundation recipient, Dr. Alfred Kinsey at Indiana University, whose controversial survey of orgasm and motile sperm in boys between the ages of birth and 18 has been largely forgotten. Dr. Archibald's work on growth and sexual maturation also paralleled British endocrinologist Dr. James Mourilyan Tanner's development of the Tanner scale which measures the stages of sexual development during puberty. Both Archibald and Tanner attended Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Archibald's subjects, who were generally between the ages of 6 and 16, were routinely undressed, photographed, fondled, instructed to perform sex acts, masturbated, and in some cases, anally penetrated. Although Debevoise found that "it is clear that Archibald frequently took semen samples" from his young male subjects, it is far less clear what became of those samples and how they were utilized by Dr. Archibald and Rockefeller University.

Reginald MacGregor Archibald was born in Syracuse, New York on March 2, 1910 to Harvard educated Dr. Ebenezer H. Archibald who was an original member of the faculty and professor of chemistry at the University of British Columbia from 1915 to 1941. Reginald attended high school at Kitsilano High in Vancouver, British Columbia where he participated in the oratory club and attended YMCA Camp Elphinstone. He graduated college with honors from the University of British Columbia in 1930 where he majored in chemistry and minored in physics and German. He was also president of the chemistry society.

Dr. Archibald earned a masters degree from the University of British Columbia in 1932 and a doctors in philosophy and pathological and organic chemistry at Toronto University. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a Doctor of Medicine degree in June of 1939 and passed the boards administered by the Medical Council of Canada which authorized him to practice medicine in any province without further examination. By the time he had finished his education, Archibald had obtained an A.B., an A.M., a Ph.D., and an M.D. His full title was Reginald MacGregor Archibald, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., M.D.

Upon graduation from the University of Toronto, Dr. Archibald interned in pathology and bacteriology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and completed an additional internship there in surgery and medicine. He later held a rotating internship at Toronto General Hospital.

In 1943, Dr. Archibald was awarded a fellowship by the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council while he conducted advanced research and became assistant resident physician and special investigator at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. During that time, he was also elected as a fellow of the New York Academy of Science.

In November of 1946, Dr. Archibald was appointed professor of biochemistry at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health by the president of the university, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, where he gained access to the Harriet Lane Home which was the first pediatric research institution in the United States and specialized in the medical treatment of boys. It also was one of the original centers for the then-emerging field of pediatric endocrinology. Dr. Archibald, who became a pediatric endocrinologist, ultimately returned to Rockefeller University in 1948 where he specialized in pediatrics, endocrinology, and biochemistry with a focus on sexual maturity and growth disorders.

In 1953, Dr. Archibald served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism. In 1968, he joined the Animal Pathology Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture in New Brunswick. In 1987, he became a member of the Society for Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Reginald

Archibald died on May 10, 2007, in Rochester, Minnesota where his daughter was licensed as a doctor in 1994. He was age 97.

From at least 1939 until 2001, Dr. Reginald Archibald had almost unlimited access to children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Toronto General Hospital, the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Harriet Lane Home, and Rockefeller University Hospital (as well as through his volunteer efforts as a board member of the Madison Square Boys Club and reportedly Covenant House in New York City). During this over 60-year period, he is likely to have sexually abused thousands of children, mostly boys.

During his career, Dr. Archibald was presumably a registered physician with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (until 1958), the New York State Department of Education (until the late 1970s), the New York State Department of Health, and various medical boards such as the New York County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York, the New York State Urological Society, and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. After receiving a grant in 1975, his research was overseen by the National Institutes of Health. He was a fellow of both the National Academy of Sciences and the New York Academy of Sciences. Dr. Archibald was supervised by the National Hormone and Pituitary Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which provided him with hGH made from human pituitary glands.

While Dr. Archibald accumulated distinguished credential after credential from some of the most renowned medical and scientific institutions in the world, one vital question remains unanswered: who was looking out for his patients—the children he was sexually abusing and using for human experiments? How many departments and societies and institutes and hospitals received complaints about Dr. Archibald during the sixty years he was allowed to prey relentlessly on defenseless immigrant children? Why didn't the New York State Department of Health hold him accountable when they had a chance? What is Rockefeller University hiding from the elderly victims and survivors who remain? What

became of the semen, which was collected from young boys and adolescents? How many doctors, administrators, nurses, scientists, societies, and regulators knew or should have known about Dr. Archibald's lifelong sexual interest in children and scientific experiments on human semen?

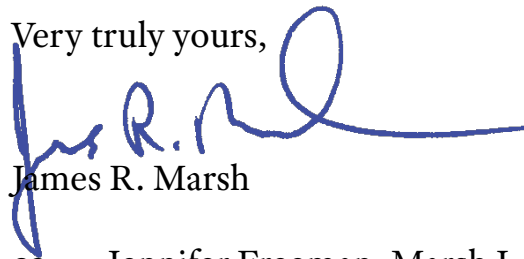
These and many other questions must be investigated and answered by the countless institutions responsible for Dr. Archibald's power, prestige, and access to children.

While Rockefeller University has admitted that it was aware of allegations against Dr. Archibald for years, until very recently it did little or nothing to investigate these claims or assist his remaining victims and survivors who, over time, have dwindled in number. Its 2004 investigation into Dr. Archibald remains sealed.

Over these many years, there has been little accountability or transparency concerning these vitally important issues which have haunted Dr. Archibald's patients for decades. The survivors, who were already sexually abused as children, are now aging and elderly men (including some women) who have lived their entire lives with the haunting memory of Dr. Archibald and his arrogant patrician perversions. The survivors and the public demand answers instead of the continuing institutional betrayal by the governmental, medical, and scientific establishments.

Please immediately undertake a comprehensive and wide-ranging investigation and review of your institution's involvement with Dr. Reginald MacGregor Archibald. Your efforts and the results of your investigation must be made public and widely distributed at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,



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