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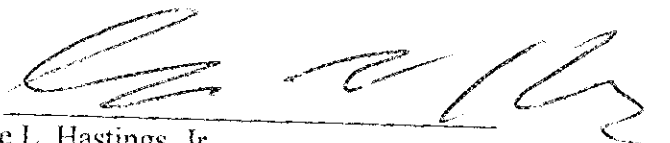
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IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE INJURIES *
RESULTING IN AUTISM SPECTRUM *
DISORDER OR A SIMILAR *
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER *
VARIOUS PETITIONERS, *
v. *
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES, *
Respondent. *

AUTISM MASTER FILE

ORDER RE BAXTER'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

On November 26, 2003, I filed an order that permitted three additional vaccine manufacturers to participate in the proceedings concerning the Petitioners' Steering Committee request for discovery from Merck. On December 3, 2003, a fourth manufacturer, Baxter Healthcare Corporation, sought to similarly participate. In light of the fact that neither respondent nor the committee objected to participation by the other three manufacturers, I hereby conclude that it is appropriate to permit Baxter to the participation on the same basis as Aventis Pasteur, Wyeth, and GlaxoSmithKline.



George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master