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David M. Hardy, Chief
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Re: FOIA Request – Investigation of Bruce E. Ivins

Dear Mr. Hardy:

This is a request on behalf of the James Madison Project (“JMP”) under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.*, for copies of all Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) documents, including cross-references, pertaining to the investigation of Bruce E. Ivins in relation to the 2001 “Amerithrax” biological attacks. Enclosed please find a copy of an obituary from the *Frederick News-Post*.

We are hereby requesting a waiver of all fees. The James Madison Project is a non-profit organization under the laws of the District of Columbia and has the ability to disseminate information on a wide scale. Stories concerning our activities have received prominent mention in many publications including, but not limited to, the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *St. Petersburg Tribune*, *San Diego Union Tribune*, *European Stars & Stripes*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Mother Jones* and *Salon Magazine*. Our website, where much of the information received through our FOIA requests is or will be posted for all to review, can be accessed at <http://www.jamesmadisonproject.org>. Most prior requests submitted by our organization have received fee waivers.

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There can be no question that the information sought would contribute to the public's understanding of government operations or activities and is in the public interest. Due to the premature defamation of Dr. Steven Hatfill as being linked to these attacks, the FBI's conduct for the remainder of this investigation has been under extremely close scrutiny, and even now the FBI is facing demanding critics with respect to the allegations levied against Dr. Ivins. While some records are being publicly released, the FBI has appeared reticent to release *all* of its investigative records, despite public demands for full disclosure. Therefore, as the public debate over the thoroughness of the FBI investigation aptly demonstrates, release of these remaining records will clearly contribute to the public's understanding of government operations or activities.

The FBI is required by law to respond to this request within 20 working days. Failure to timely comply may result in the filing of a civil action against the FBI in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

We request that any documents or records produced in response to these requests be provided in electronic (soft-copy) form wherever possible. Acceptable formats are .pdf, .jpg, .gif, .tif. We do *not* authorize the FBI to search only for records existing as of the date of your acceptance letter.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact my Director of FOIA Operations Kel McClanahan at Kel@JamesMadisonProject.org or 301-728-5908.

Please respond to this request by email to Kel@JamesMadisonProject.org or by fax to 240-681-2189. If postal correspondence is necessary, please have all return postal correspondence addressed specifically to the attention of Mark Zaid (not Kel McClanahan) to ensure proper delivery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Zaid for". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark S. Zaid
Executive Director

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Dr. Bruce Edwards Ivins

As originally published on Thursday, July 31, 2008.

Dr. Bruce Edwards Ivins, 62, of Frederick, died Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Diane Ivins, they were married for 33 years.

Born April 22, 1946, in Lebanon, OH, he was the son of the late Thomas Randall and Mary Johnson Knight Ivins.

Dr. Ivins was a scientist for 36 years, at USAMRIID at Fort Detrick. He was a member of the American Red Cross, Frederick County Chapter. He also was a parishioner at St. John's the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, in Frederick where he was as a musician for many years for church services. Dr. Ivins was a wonderful father to his kids.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Andy Ivins; his daughter, Amanda Ivins; and two brothers, Tom and C.W. Ivins.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 9, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 118 E. Second Street, Frederick. Officiating will be the Rev. Richard J. Murphy. Interment will be private. Reception will be provided at the church parish hall after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, Frederick County Chapter, P.O. Box 186, Walkersville, MD 21793.

Arrangements are being handled by Keeney and Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.keeneybasford.com.



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