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April 3, 2008

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**Re: Gertrude Gettinger**

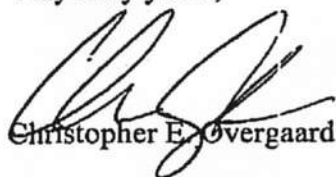
Dear Dr. Jacob:

My office represents Sylvia Schmidt as conservator of the person and estate of her mother, Gertrude Gettinger. I have enclosed a copy of the Letters of Conservatorship. Sylvia Schmidt has the authority to make medical decisions on behalf of her mother, and to review and receive medical records.

Please provide Sylvia Schmidt with the report which she is requesting regarding Gertrude Gettinger, including a synopsis of her medical condition.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the undersigned directly.

Very truly yours,

  
Christopher E. Overgaard

CEO:cc  
Enclosure

\*cc: Sylvia Schmidt

Sylvia Schmidt

2371 Cumberland Road ♦ San Marino, CA 91108

April 25, 2008

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**Re: Request for Letter Documenting Gertrude Gettinger's Current Diagnosis**

Dear Dr. Jacob:

As you will recall, on April 3, my attorney requested a letter from you summarizing my mother's (Gertrude Gettinger's) current mental diagnosis. (A copy of my attorney's letter is attached for your reference, although I know it is already on your files.)

To make things easier for you, I have drafted and enclosed a draft letter from you (in layman's terms) outlining the key issues my mother's attorney and my attorney hoped your letter could address, specifically:

- ☐ My mother's current mental diagnosis and condition
- ☐ Her ability to reason logically and make clear, sound judgments, i.e., regarding real estate transactions or other significant legal decisions
- ☐ Her susceptibility to influence and having her mind changed easily by anyone trying to manipulate her by agreeing with her distorted views of reality

My goal is obviously not to put words in your mouth, but rather to help facilitate the process of getting this letter prepared, as my mother's continued well-being hinges on your professional opinion in these matters.

My brother is insisting that Gertrude Gettinger is of sound mind and he has actually convinced her to reverse herself on many significant issues pending before the court – and thereby rapidly destroying my ability to continue my efforts to care for her as her conservator. For example,

- ☐ In January, she agreed to selling her decrepit apartment building in Hollywood and felt it was a wise and appropriate decision when I and her attorney (separately) took the time to explain it to her. My brother arrived in March (he hadn't visited her for several years before this) and has convinced her that selling the apartment is a bad idea. (The court approved the sale anyway, since it made so very much sense.)

Sylvia influencing the doctor with information that is untrue.  
She has a court hearing coming up and needs a letter from the doctor  
which states Robert is influencing Gertrude.

- ☐ For the past year, she told me she liked and trusted her attorney. My brother arrived on the scene and now suddenly she does not like nor trust her attorney. (Her attorney is an individual selected independently by the court who has nothing to do with me.)
- ☐ Before she was placed in a conservatorship, my mother accused me of stealing her belongings, even though I had no access to her apartment. At the same time, she accused me of being tricky and returning to her apartment in the middle of the night to return many of these "stolen" items.

The Hollywood police investigated after she called them repeatedly – and obviously found her unfortunate ranting to be without merit. (This erratic behavior served as the basis for her being placed in the conservatorship.) Recently, my brother contacted the Hollywood police, *demanding* that the case be re-opened, as his mother now insists that I have stolen her property and papers. (The Hollywood police visited me, read her medical records, searched my home, and dismissed their investigation immediately.)

Your help in providing a current expert opinion on her mental well-being and susceptibility to manipulation is greatly appreciated. I would like to get a restraining order issued to prevent my brother from continuing to incite my mother and involve her in his desperate attempts to gain access to her assets. Again, anything you can do is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Sylvia Schmidt*

Sylvia Schmidt

Notice Sylvia states no access to her apartment yet she knew about the spare key and was mentioned in the Police Report.





## FAX COVER SHEET

Date: May 7, 2008

Phone: (626) 963-4467

To: Frankie

Fax: (626) 963-9543

From: Sylvia Schmidt

*daughter*

Phone: (626) 395-9737

Re: Gertrude Gettinger

Fax: (626) 395-9351

Number of pages sent including cover page: 3

Dear Frankie:

Thank you for faxing the letter to me. Would it be possible to make a few corrections/changes? Please see the attached with my suggestions.

*D. Gettinger* please see attached corrections  
Thank you. Would you agree to the changes?

Sylvia Schmidt

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Pt Name: GETTINGER, GERTRUDE  
Pt No:

Date: 05/06/2008

May 06, 2008

To  
Christopher Overgaard

RE: Gertrude Gettinger

Dear Mr. Overgaard:

Mrs. Gettinger has been under my care for treatment of Alzheimer disease that is early and with psychotic features. She has been coming for treatment with her daughter after she was hospitalized in East Valley Medical Center, the geriatric psychiatric unit. She was hospitalized there on 03/09/2007. She has been coming for evaluation and medication management about once every six to eight weeks.

She has been paranoid about her daughter. She has not been able to reason logically, and her thought processes are with delusion and paranoia ~~about her daughter~~ with a lot of anger. She has not been able to discuss her issues related to her daughter or related to her house, and the placement, logically, and she has been thinking that her daughter is taking over her money and her belongings. She also has been superficial and unable to discuss any issues in detail. She also still thinks that people are stealing her belongings and that her daughter is taking her money.

Her immediate and recent memories are poor, but her remote memory is intact. She is unable to make a clear and rational judgment.

Mrs. Gettinger has been also anxious and has been taking medications for her condition including Seroquel XR 200 mg at bedtime and Haldol Decanoate injection once every month with her visits. She has been relatively stable on those medications. She is still unable to discuss issues logically and she still has paranoia and delusions.

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Note Sylvia wants any mention of herself removed from the doctors letter.

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Because of her paranoia and anger towards her daughter who has been her caregiver lately, she is susceptible for changing her mind easily and she can be easily influenced by other people's decisions and suggestions, for therapy.

I hope this report will be beneficiary for you and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

SAID I. JACOB, M.D., MPH

DR: SIJ/PU

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April 25, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

-Gertrude Gettinger first came under my care when she was admitted to East Valley Medical Center on March 9, 2007.

Ms. Gettinger was admitted to the hospital from the Regency Park assisted living facility after refusing to take her medication. She was not eating and was extremely paranoid and agitated. She had to be restrained during her stay, as she was extremely paranoid and would not let anyone near her. My final diagnosis after observing her for the 5 days she was at East Valley Medical Center indicated Psychosis, not otherwise specified, and Alzheimer disease with behavioral problems.

Ms. Gettinger was discharged from East Valley on March 13, 2007 with a prescription for psychotropic medication and outpatient treatment and followup. Her expected outcome after discharge was determined to be fair if the patient continued to take her medication and if she was cooperative with her treatment.

I resumed psychiatric care and treatment of Ms. Gettinger in July 2007 and have continued to see her approximately every six weeks. Ms. Gettinger at times still continues to refuse to take medications and has made it necessary to supplement her oral medication with injections. Ms. Gettinger continues to suffer from several mental conditions which include dementia with extreme paranoia.

She appeared to be improving when I met with her in January 2008, but during her last visit on April 18, 2008, she was once again extremely paranoid and difficult. My current assessment is... (please complete)

In her current mental state, Ms. Gettinger is not of sound mind and does not have the capacity to reason logically (or continues to be severely impaired in her ability to reason logically). As such, she is not in a condition to make clear, sound and rational judgments.

Ms. Gettinger continues to deny her mental illness. This, combined with her actual current mental confusion, makes her particularly susceptible to manipulation and undue influence by individuals who reinforce and validate her beliefs, delusions and/or paranoia, and agree with her distorted view of reality at any given moment. She is likely to change her mind easily, depending on who she spoke with last and whether that person accepted or rejected her view of her situation.