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Dr. Martini,

Jere E. Goyan, Ph.D., who was Commissioner of the FDA in 1980, was at my condominium in Novato, California when he received the call from the Regan transition team. My recollection is that it was 3 AM and the woman's name was Mary Francis Wright. Dr. Goyan told me that she told him that his services were no longer needed and that he needed to have his letter of resignation to Mr. Regan on Inauguration day. He said that he was also told to vacate his office before the Inauguration as that Mr. Regan wanted to make it clear that there was going to be changes. Mark Novitvh, MD, was appointed acting Commissioner and Dr. Goyan was to stay for a month to help with the transition. He later told me that he was never consulted about anything after Inauguration day.

I have heard from various sources that Rumsfield was quoted as saying that "Goyan must go". I have also heard that the reason that Dr. Goyan became the first Commissioner to be fired at the change of an administration is that Rumsfield was concerned that he would not approve aspartame because of his position on cyclamate. I have heard that there was an executive order from the White House concerning aspartame after Dr. Goyan resigned. I have no direct knowledge about the Rumsfield quote or concern or the executive order.

I married Dr. Goyan in 1988 and he passed away January 2007.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Hart, Pharm. D.