World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG)

To investigate the criminal conduct of all institutions, organizations, and individuals involved in the persecution of Falun Gong; to bring such investigation, no matter how long it takes, no matter how far and deep we have to search, to full closure; to exercise fundamental principles of humanity; and to restore and uphold justice in society.

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Summary

1. The Zhejiang Red Cross Society generally goes to various hospitals to promote organ donation.
2. “There are different circumstances. For example, someone is willing [to donate] by himself; someone is suggested by his family members [to donate]; then some people are mobilized by our doctors, or by some other people.”
3. “It is certain that most people would refuse to donate; otherwise, it wouldn’t be such a small number of donations!”
4. “We certify the donations from Zhejiang Province [only]. Donations from other provinces are certified by their own provinces. If the hospitals in Zhejiang receive organs assigned from other provinces, it has nothing to do with us.”
5. [Investigator: In general, you have a little more than 170 (donated organs), however, Zhejiang hospitals did many more than that.] Person on Duty: That’s because they have organs assigned from other provinces.
6. “The transplantation process is never managed by our Red Cross.”

Phone Investigation Recording
Person on Duty: Hello, how do you do?
Investigator: Hello, how do you do? Is this the Zhejiang Red Cross Society’s Organ Donation Department?
Person on Duty: Uh, yeah.
Investigator: I am [calling] from Beijing. I am also a volunteer for the Red Cross. I am a recently retired doctor, and I started [volunteering] not long ago. I found out about you on the Internet. Your province has been doing a good job, so I want to learn from you.
Person on Duty: Beijing does better than we do now.
Investigator: What?
Person on Duty: Beijing is doing better than we are now.
Investigator: Do you generally go to various hospitals or into different communities?
Person on Duty: Hospitals.
Investigator: Mostly hospitals. When you start talking to someone [about donating his organs], would he be generally willing to donate? Would he easily agree to do so?
Person on Duty: There are different circumstances. For example, someone is willing [to donate] by himself; someone is suggested by his family members [to donate]; then some people are mobilized by our doctors, or by some other people. It is certain that most people would refuse to donate; otherwise, it wouldn’t be such a small number of donations!
Investigator: Exactly, that’s I’ve also been thinking. Most people would refuse. And in general, when you talk to him [about donating his organs], it is very difficult, very difficult for him to accept. They would just do you a favor...How about the hospitals, such as Zhejiang University’s affiliated hospitals and those international hospitals? They do transplant surgeries, so in general they need donors for liver transplantation and kidney transplantation. Would all of these organs have to go through your certification process?
Person on Duty: Yes, [we provide] organ donation certificates.
Investigator: We have this problem in Beijing. That is, some hospitals did a lot of transplants, many more than the number of donations from our Red Cross. In your case, for example, this year you have 179 donations, but several hospitals in Zhejiang did a lot of transplant surgeries. What about those extra organs? Do those hospitals get certified from you? Do they have to go through the Red Cross?
Person on Duty: ~ No.
Investigator: Do they have to get your certification? Do they have to go through from you? ~
Person on Duty: We certify the donations from Zhejiang Province [only]. Donations from other provinces are certified by their own provinces. If they receive organs assigned from other provinces, it has nothing to do with us. This is related to the organ distribution.
Investigator: Oh ... you mean that you only certify donations from your own province. If a hospital obtains donor organs from other provinces or other places, then...
Person on Duty: You cannot say so, it’s not called “obtain”, you can only say it’s allocated through the distribution system. Our province’s [Red Cross] doesn’t receive organs assigned to Zhejiang Province.
Investigator: It does not go through your Red Cross... 
Person on Duty: Donation process, our Red Cross is only responsible for the organs donated here, until they are taken away.
Investigator: That means…
Person on Duty: It is just about the organ procurement. Once the operation is done, then it is all set.
Investigator: For example, Zhejiang University’s affiliated hospitals, since I have a friend telling me that they did a lot of transplants, but here you have only more than 170
donations. I think, I think, Beijing also has this problem, that is, hospitals did a lot of
transplants, but not many went through our Red Cross, I mean ...
Person on Duty: We certify them all.
Investigator: If you certify them all, then the number you have certified and the number
of operations in hospital are not consistent.
Person on Duty: [They] should be the same, how could they be inconsistent?
Investigator: In general, you have a little more than 170 [donated organs], however,
Zhejiang hospitals did many more than that. I would like to ask ...
Person on Duty: That’s because they have organs assigned from other provinces.
Investigator: Those organs are not from you ...
Person on Duty: We do not certify those.
Investigator: Oh, you mean ...
Person on Duty: That is to say, the transplantation process is never managed by our Red
Cross.
Investigator: Oh, regarding how many [transplants] they have actually done, you do not
have to get involved?
Person on Duty: That’s right. The transplants are regulated by the Department of Health,
not certified by our Red Cross.
Investigator: But they can only do [the transplants] after you [receive] donated [organs],
if you do not have donated [organs]...
Person on Duty: That’s right. However, not all the organs [used in transplants] were
donated in our Zhejiang Province!
Investigator: Oh, that means they would find organs [from elsewhere] themselves, for
every example ...
Person on Duty: There is a national organ distribution system. [Investigator: Because I
just ...] It has a lot of organs, which are distributed through the system.
Investigator: Oh, that means each province, other provinces ...
Person on Duty: That means, after the system allocates [the organs], the hospitals get
assigned organs.
Investigator: Uh.
Person on Duty: The certification of the donations is done by the provinces where the
donors are from.
Investigator: Oh.
Person on Duty: So certification and transplant are two different processes.
Investigator: You mean that donor organs assigned from other provinces will not go
through your certification process?
Person on Duty: Because that is not related to donations.
Investigator: In that case, so ...
Person on Duty: This is related to the organ distribution system and transplantation.
Investigator: Assignment for transplants, so the transplant would not go through your Red Cross, so it’s not your business ...

Person on Duty: The [organ] assignment is not our business.

Investigator: Organs from other provinces do not need you to certify them.

Person on Duty: If a donation takes place in Beijing, why do we have to certify the donations in Beijing?

Investigator: Oh, that’s why a donor [organ] from one province can be transferred to another province to do [the transplant].

Person on Duty: This is allocated through the system.

Investigator: This is allocated by the system, I see, the system does the allocation. This lady, I am sorry to bother you. I just want to learn how you do this work, that’s it, thank you, goodbye.

Person on Duty: Goodbye.