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. “Our Urology Department’s First Ward does (kidney transplantation). I’m at Urology Department’s Third Ward now. I no longer do it.”
2. “Too few (donated organs). Not even several in a year.”
3. “Too few (donated organs). Last year they did three at most.”
4. “Last year, there were about ten, ten or eight (cases). Some family members donated their kidneys.”
5. “(The corpses’ kidneys were) very good. They just passed away. (Their organs were) harvested immediately.”
6. “I did (kidney transplants), quite a lot. I started doing them in 1978.”
7. “The combined transplantation of kidney and pancreas was in 1999.”
8. “(I did) several hundred cases (of kidney transplants) for sure.”
9. “(Transplants) of living kidneys started in 1999.”
10. “In the past, most (kidney transplants) used kidneys from corpses, after 1999, most were living kidneys.”

Phone Investigation Recording
Investigator: Is that Doctor Chen Zhaoyan?
Doctor on Duty: Ah.
Investigator: I would like to ask about that transplantation operation, kidney transplantation operation. Do you still do it?
Doctor on Duty: What operation?
Investigator: Just that kidney transplantation operation.
Doctor on Duty: We do. Our Urology Department’s First Ward does it. I’m at Urology Department’s Third Ward now.
Investigator: Oh, you’ve switched your department and are no longer at the original place?
Doctor on Duty: Right, the Urology Department’s First Ward does (kidney transplantation). I’ve gone to the Urology Department’s Third Ward. Hmm, the Urology Department’s Third Ward has been newly established.
Investigator: Oh, the Urology Department’s Third Ward doesn’t perform operations?
Doctor on Duty: The Urology Department’s Third Ward doesn’t perform operations. No kidney transplantation, no organ transplantation.

Investigator: What kind of organ transplantation do you do in your department?
Doctor on Duty: The Urology Department’s Third Ward does not do organ transplantation, the Urology Department’s First Ward does it.

Investigator: Ah, then you’ve changed, changed your profession?
Doctor on Duty: I did not change my profession. I still work at the urology department. We’ve established the Urology Department’s Third Ward. Our ward doesn’t do kidney transplantation.

Investigator: No kidney transplantation?
Doctor on Duty: Hmm, the Urology Department’s First Ward does it. Hmm.

Investigator: Your Urology Department’s First Ward…
Doctor on Duty: You can dial 86605335… to talk with the Urology Department’s First Ward. They do it. Hmm, you ask them.

Investigator: You don’t do it personally. You are at the Urology Department’s Third Ward. So, you don’t do it now, right?
Doctor on Duty: I no longer do it. Hmm.

Investigator: Oh, why don’t you do it now? You did quite well before.
Doctor on Duty: It was pretty good. But now I’ve switched ward. Hmm, hmm, this ward does not do it.

Investigator: Oh, you no longer do it?
Doctor on Duty: Hmm.

Investigator: Then you tell me to dial that number, whom do I ask for?
Doctor on Duty: The Urology Department’s First Ward. You can just ask them.

Investigator: The Urology Department’s First Ward.
Doctor on Duty: They do transplantation.

Investigator: In the past, (the donor organs) were corpses’ kidneys, as from corpses, right?
Doctor on Duty: Yes corpses, donated after death. There are also some right now, some are donated, but too few. Hmm.

Investigator: Is that so? So we donate too few here. In our Harbin?
Doctor on Duty: Too few. Ah, too few. Not even several in a year.

Investigator: Generally, not a few in a year? Then, then you…in a hospital such as yours, how many can be done in a year, this kind of transplantation?
Doctor on Duty: Some (transplants with) living kidneys can be done. As long as a family member can provide, once it’s matched, we can all do it.

Investigator: You said transplants with donated organs are not available?
Doctor on Duty: Too few, hmm, three or four at most. Last year they did three at most.

Investigator: Oh, three were done this year?
Doctor on Duty: Hmm, they were donated ones, donated last year, hmm, not many.

Investigator: For this kind of donated organs, what is it like, the situation?
Doctor on Duty: They were all from their own family members, you request for those, who just died. That kind.

Investigator: Oh.
Doctor on Duty: Hmm, too few.
Investigator: So you say, they were mostly donated by family members?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, the majority were from relatives. Hmm.
Investigator: So this year how many kidney transplantation operations did you do?
Doctor on Duty: This year, this year there seems none.
Investigator: How about last year?
Doctor on Duty: Last year, there were about ten, ten or eight (cases). Some family members donated their kidneys. If there is a kidney donated by a family member, it can be done. If the tissue typing is suitable, then it can be done.
Investigator: Oh, is that so. Oh, is that so. Then in the past, in the past you used corpses. When you got the corpses, were they good to use?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, very good. They, just passed away. (Their organs were) harvested immediately.
Investigator: Oh, so you, you did them in the past.
Doctor on Duty: I did them, quite a lot. I started doing them in 1978.
Investigator: What, you started in 1978?
Investigator: You started doing them in 1978?
Doctor on Duty: Ah, yes, haha.
Investigator: It was the first in the country, according to the information on the Internet, it was the first in the nation. You accomplished the first case of combined transplantation of kidney and pancreas in the province. Is that right?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, we did it.
Investigator: Oh.
Doctor on Duty: Oh, the combined transplantation of kidney and pancreas was in 1999. In 1999, we did...
Investigator: Your skills are so good, why changed your profession and stopped doing it?
Doctor on Duty: I didn’t change my profession. This ward…their operations are easy, easy, simple. The operations are simple.
Investigator: You did not change your profession. You are in the Urology Department’s Third Ward.
Doctor on Duty: Still in the Urology Department, doing other operations.
Investigator: Still doing operations, right?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, other operations.
Investigator: Oh, still doing operations?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, doing other operations.
Investigator: Kidney transplantation operations?
Doctor on Duty: The Urology Department’s First Ward does them, we don’t do them any more. They, our Urology Department’s Third Ward does not do this kind of operations.
Investigator: You do other operations, right?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, I do a few, yes, hmm.
Investigator: Still do a few?
Doctor on Duty: Yes. I did a lot in the past, now I’m no longer doing them.
Investigator: In the past, how many kidney transplants did you do?
Doctor on Duty: Haha, it’s hard to say, several hundred for sure. Many.
Investigator: You did several hundred in the past. What were they?
Doctor on Duty: Several hundred cases for sure. Over 100, quite a lot.
Investigator: Oh, you said kidney transplantation is easy to do?
Doctor on Duty: Yes, easy, easy. Just two blood vessels and one ureter, which match.
Investigator: You did several hundred cases? How many hundreds would you say? 300, 400?
Doctor on Duty: About so ... hmm.
Investigator: You did these before year 2015?
Doctor on Duty: No, many years ago.
Investigator: Hey, the donors at that time…
Doctor on Duty: I stopped participating two or three years ago. I haven’t been participating for two or three years.
Investigator: You stopped doing it for two or three years. So two or three years ago?
Doctor on Duty: Correct. I stopped.
Investigator: Oh.
Doctor on Duty: Right, right, right. Hmm.
Investigator: Then in the past, you did 200 or 300, where did the kidneys come from?
Doctor on Duty: There were kidneys from both corpses and living persons. (Transplants) of living kidneys started in 1999.
Investigator: Starting from 1999, you did (transplants with) living kidneys in 1999?
Doctor on Duty: Living kidney transplantation.
Investigator: Started in 1999, starting from 1999, right?
Doctor on Duty: Living kidneys. In the past, most (kidney transplants) used kidneys from corpses, after 1999, most were living kidneys.
Investigator: Oh, in 1999, there were living kidneys. After 1999, living kidneys have been...
Doctor on Duty: No, not that many. You call… (8)6605335. They do it. Dial (8) 6605335. Hmm...., you are from out of town?
Investigator: My relative is in your city. I am from Guangdong. My family originated from Liaoning.
Doctor on Duty: Ah. You ask them. There could be a relative to give (an organ).
Investigator: Hey, my fellow townsman, I want to ask if there were Falun Gong practitioner donors. Did you use that kind of donors?
Doctor on Duty: No, never had those
Investigator: Is that so?
Doctor on Duty: Just kidding.
The doctor on duty hanged up.