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INTERVIEW NOTES: 2551

Donor 2551 is a self-made adventurer. He was born in Portugal, grew up in Germany, and has traveled the world working as a baker and travel guide. An interesting storyteller, he struck me as intelligent, curious, inquisitive, and quick to laugh. Though he describes himself as opinionated, he is also flexible when presented with new information. Donor 2551 says he “feels for the smaller guy,” and feels a sense of responsibility for taking political action, particularly as a man engaged in women’s issues. He is fascinated by his current studies in communications and interested in using information technology to provide people in undeveloped areas with access to education and resources.

Donor 2551 is typically Portuguese in appearance. He has a small frame, medium olive skin, and a handsome, fine-boned face. Slight gaps in the center of his upper and lower teeth lend charm to his smile.

All four of donor 2551’s grandparents lived in an area of northern Portugal that was so rural it did not have electricity until 1984. Though limited healthcare meant they were not diagnosed with specific diseases at the time of death, they all lived to their 60s or early 70s and had no known health problems.

Interviewer: Tasha W.

Date: November 2001



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DONOR PROFILE: 2551

The past and current personal and family medical history, physical examination, and laboratory test results determine that donor 2551 is eligible and approved for semen donation at THE SPERM BANK OF CALIFORNIA. This profile was prepared in June 2002, and updated August 2016.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Identity-Release® Program: **Yes**
- Month/year of birth: **May, 1965**
- Education: **Bachelors in Telecommunications management**
- Current occupation: **Revenue recovery auditor**
- Ethnic origin: **Lusitanian Portuguese**
- Religion: **Philosophical humanism**

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Height: **5'6"**
- Weight: **162 lbs**
- Hair color: **Black**
- Hair type: **Wavy/thick**
- Eye color: **Dark brown**
- Complexion: **Olive**
- Body type: **Medium**
- Blood group/Rh: **O+**
- Baby photo available: **No**
- Other distinguishing features: **Full lips**

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

KEY: D donor Ch child F father M mother S sister B brother
Co cousin A aunt U uncle MGF maternal grandfather MGM maternal grandmother PGF
paternal grandfather PGM paternal grandmother

Blood: **F: thrombosis – blood clot burst in lower leg at 40 years old, treated with vein graft**

Muscles/bones/joints: **D: lower back pain began at age 25, cumulative injury from running marathons and 12 years of heavy lifting as a baker, treats with chiropractic care; M: pinched nerve in lower back (due, donor says, to “hard work as an active mother”) and associated difficulty walking**

Other: **grandparents died in their 60s or 70s of undiagnosed causes; all lived in rural Portuguese villages with limited formal health care; all had no known health problems**

DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: **Not Detected**
HIV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**
Hepatitis B: **Non-Reactive**
Urinalysis: **Normal**

Gonorrhea: **Not Detected**
CMV total antibody: ***Positive**
Hepatitis C: **Non-Reactive**
Chem panel: **Normal**

Syphilis: **Non-Reactive**
HTLV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**
CBC: **Normal**

**CMV IgM is negative/IgG positive. This combination shows a historic CMV exposure and donor is presumed to currently be non-infectious*

GENETIC SCREENING RESULTS: ALL TEST VALUES IN NORMAL RANGE

Genetic screening tests can significantly reduce, but never completely eliminate, the chance that a person is a carrier for a particular disorder.

Cystic Fibrosis: (87mutations) **No mutation detected**
Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA): **Not performed**
Hemoglobinopathies/Thalassemia: **No abnormal hemoglobin detected (including sickle hemoglobin);
No evidence of thalassemia**

DONOR NARRATIVE: 2551

The content of this narrative has not been altered by TSBC staff and therefore reflects original written work of the Donor

Describe your personality: introvert, extrovert, funny, serious, goal-oriented, curious, shy, etc.

I think I am fairly extroverted, not very funny, but I try occasionally. I would call it semi-goal-oriented (if the cherries don't hang too high), but extremely curious. I am also argumentative, very self confident and a born nomad. Since I am not one to give into an argument without a good fight, it's not a surprise to me that I don't have a multitude of friends. But the friendships I hold dear have lasted from early childhood, and I put those friends above anything else. I consider myself a real world citizen, in the very sense of the word.

What are your interests and talents?

I seem to have a talent for speaking or learning languages and adapting easily to different cultures. I have the suspicion that I may have a talent in writing, but that remains to be explored, it may just be my ego. I have a strong desire to be on the move, new places, change of cultures. I love travel in the sense of individual, non-powered movement, on foot, or bicycle. I love communication in all its forms and I am trying to make some money out of it by expanding my knowledge of computing.

What are some of your goals and ambitions in life? Where do you see yourself in 5 or 10 years?

I plan on covering more of the earth in terms of living, not just travel. I would like to maybe write and publish at least one book (probably fiction or a narrative of travel). I am also dreaming of using today's communication technology to help underdeveloped rural areas to make a large jump in education and access to information. I also have a great interest in the environment. I usually tend to place the value of nature above human needs and endeavors.

How would you describe your skills and interests in the following areas?

Math: mediocre – I have received compliments from other people that think I would be good at it, but I feel the effort is too much for the results I get from myself.

Mechanical: I am confident I would master any mechanical problem if it became necessary. I enjoy working on vehicles or machines if the outcome serves me practically. But my interest is not large enough to just invent something.

Athletic: I enjoy applying my physical capabilities. I can be an advanced level rock climber if given the time. I enjoy entering competitions in bicycle and climbing. I ran marathons extensively in my early years, but I think that is what messed up my lower back, so I stopped.

Musical, artistic, creative: I tend to lean towards enjoying classical and world music more than popular music. I did not grow up learning an instrument and don't see myself doing it now. I enjoy writing at times, and plan on definitely exploring it more.

Language (what languages do you speak?): German, Portuguese, English, Spanish, beginner's French, Italian, Arabic

What are some of your reasons for becoming a sperm donor?

Given our medical and technological advancements, I believe that women should be fully able to determine the course of their lives. This includes motherhood on their own terms and at the time a woman sees fit. This decision-making should be fully available to a woman, whether she chooses to involve a partner or not. In me providing a small biological and minimal part in that decision making, I see myself as contributing to more choices for women, and more equality for men and women.

Did you choose to be an Identity-Release® Program donor?

Yes

Why did you make this choice?

For multiple reasons. I have nothing to hide from. Any human being should be able to determine her or his own past if need be. In addition to that, it is conceivable that later during the lifetime of a donor child it may become necessary to retrace the heritage for medical reasons. And I also believe that secrecy is a sign of bad intent or fear.

Is there anything else you would like to share with participating families and offspring?

Khalil Gibran says it better than I could possibly do in his book, "The Prophet" on page 17, "Speak to us of children."



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HEALTH PROBLEMS DONOR 2551

FAMILY MEMBER	HEALTH PROBLEM	TREATMENT/RESOLUTION
Donor	Lower back pain <i>Stress injury from overuse</i>	Age at onset/diagnosis: 25 Treatment: Chiropractic care Outcome: Managed
Mother	Pinched nerve <i>Lower back</i>	Age at onset/diagnosis: Adulthood Treatment: Not stated Outcome: Has back pain, some difficulty walking
Father	Thrombosis <i>Lower leg</i>	Age at onset/diagnosis: Clot burst at 40 Treatment: Vein graft Outcome: Managed

The above family medical history information has been self-reported by the donor. We work with each donor to obtain as complete and accurate information as possible, but we are unable to completely rule out the existence of other health information that is not known, or that remains unreported to us.