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## Waging War on the Autistic Child: The Arizona 5 and the Legacy of Baron von Munchausen (Paperback)

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By Andrew J. Wakefield

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