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Dr. David A. Hamburg
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Dear Dr. Hamburg,

I wish there had been more time for us to talk at the Academy Forum earlier this month. Item 2 reported out of my workshop suggests something that might be done to strengthen the barriers against possible terrorist use of biological weapons. I wonder if it would be appropriate for your office to suggest to appropriate members of the Executive Branch and Congress ~~that~~ some consideration be given to implementing the Biological Weapons Convention as domestic U.S. law. For your interest, I enclose a copy of the U.K. act which makes it an offense under British law for any person or group to develop, produce, stockpile or retain any biological warfare agent for hostile purposes. Dr. Robert Mikulak and ~~Mr. James McCullough~~ Disarmament Agency and Mr. James McCullough at the Library of Congress have looked into this matter and could supply further information.

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the Forum.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson
Cabot Professor of the Natural Sciences

Enclosures