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Mr. John W. Powell
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Dear Mr. Powell,

I am taking the liberty of writing directly to you following the inquiry of Ms. Beth Isacke. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I am sending to her.

The only really important part of it is the reference to the two British Intelligence Reports which you may not have seen. I am sure that I read one or both of them at the World Health Organization library in Geneva about fifteen years ago. What I read was very detailed and gruesome. As I recall, there were debriefing statements from Japanese personnel describing experiments in which Chinese and perhaps others were tied to stakes in ~~anfield~~ and exposed to biological warfare agents. Also, on the chance that you may not have run across Robinson's excellent discussion of Japanese biological warfare, I have included that reference, too.

I admire your determination to get out the facts regarding these matters and to clarify the record of U.S. biological warfare activities. I must admit to being somewhat skeptical regarding the possibility that the U.S. actually engaged in biological warfare in Korea, or that we are now engaged in activities contrary to the Biological Weapons Convention of 1972. Of course there is no question whatever that the U.S. did develop and stockpile anti-personnel and anti-plant biological weapons in the 60's before the Nixon renunciation and the treaty.,

I hope you will keep me informed of any new information you may uncover. I would particularly like to know your reactions to the two British Intelligence Reports referenced above.

Sincerely Yours,

Matthew Meselson