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M. Mose (sm)  
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Dear Alex,

Dear Mott,  
Thought you might  
be interested in Ira B's  
reaction to the (other)  
sent him sometime ago;  
"Deep suspicions" will  
be hard to resolve  
without full disclosure  
and critical  
evaluation.

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It was good to have a letter from you. I was particularly interested in your analysis of the Russian anthrax outbreak. The evidence that you and Meselson present establish beyond question that the outbreak was not a lung-infection type of anthrax. However, I am not yet ready to admit that the old BW research station at Sverdlovsk had nothing to do with this. Apparently the only bone meal infected with anthrax, which in turn infected animals whose meat was eaten by humans who contracted anthrax, was located in or near Sverdlovsk, since the Russians have not reported similar outbreaks elsewhere. If the bone meal carried the anthrax spores, that poses the question of the source of the infection of the animals that provided the bones for the bone meal.

So far as I know, and so far as official government statements report, Camp Detrick has given up all offensive work on anthrax, as well as any other BW agents. However, if there were a large outbreak of anthrax among either people or animals at or near Frederick, Maryland I would be deeply suspicious of large-scale production of anthrax at Camp Detrick, just as I am deeply suspicious of the anthrax outbreak at Sverdlovsk.

I am inserting a brief account of Ineva's eye problems to date. We were warned at the start by the surgeon that he could not guarantee success. He told us his rate of success was about fifty-fifty, but we thought that one chance out of two was better than none. Although we have been assured that there is still a chance that the operations will prove successful, the longer Ineva goes without sight returning the more discouraged we become.

Do you ever think of taking a winter vacation in Florida? If so, do plan your trip to include Key West. It would be wonderful to see you again and have a good visit.

Best personal wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ira L. Baldwin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ira L. Baldwin