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Dear Dr. Meselson:

Thanks very much for agreeing to take a look at the enclosed copy of a report on biological weapons that was written by our Australian affiliate and that we are considering for publication as part of IPPNW's Global Health Watch series.

Vic Sidel explained to me that the constraints on your time will permit you to give the report only a cursory review, but even a general assessment of the value of the report for a general audience would be most helpful. There are a few things we know would need to be done: removing or reworking the Australia-specific material and updating the references to include the Stimson Center report among them. Those things would only make sense, however, if the report as a whole would contribute something to an audience that is somewhat aware of the biological weapons problem, but may be less familiar with the details. In other words, while it is not intended to break new ground for an expert audience, it should probably not merely duplicate an existing resource.

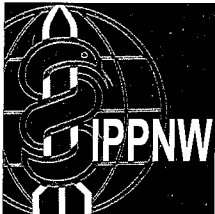
You could send any comments to me at the address below, or by e-mail to [jloretz@ippnw.org](mailto:jloretz@ippnw.org). Or you could call me at 617-868-5050, ext. 280.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Kind regards,

  
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**Biological Weapons,  
Bioterrorism and the Public Health**

The problem goes far beyond  
Kate Leeson  
bioterrorism. Please see my article

"Averting Hostile Exploitation of  
Biotechnology"

I suggest that you ask Dr  
Rod Barton, formerly of the  
Australian Defence Department,  
to consult with you  
on this. His contact  
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