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Dear Matt:

I hope all is well. I wanted to thank you for suggesting me as a panel member for the WFS conference in Erice in August. I am really looking forward to the trip. This will be a new and, I expect, very interesting experience for me.

My purpose in writing is to invite you to give a keynote address at the meeting that I will be running on spore related biodefense efforts, at Argonne National Laboratories, that you and I discussed a while back. The meeting will take place on November 14-16 of this year. As you will recall, the meeting will bring together members of DOD and DOE laboratories, focused on spore detection and decontamination, and a select group of academics. The goal is to build a stronger community of experts involved in research to defend against spore-based weapons. Obviously, your participation as a keynote speaker would be the highlight of the meeting and would make for a really unique event. The keynote address will be given in a separate session, on the evening of the first day after attendees arrive, and will be preceded by a special reception. I have attached a document that describes the goals and structure of the meeting. >From my discussions with expected attendees, we should good participation from most of the relevant groups doing spore work in the government, including, among others, Sandia, Lawrence Livermore labs, CIA, FBI, TSWG, Dugway proving grounds, Edgewood and Naval Research Labs. I'm looking forward to a very interesting and productive meeting.

I should point out that while we are still soliciting government and industry support to fund speakers, I have already secured some initial industry support, and this will be used to fund your trip.

I hope you'll forgive the informality of an email invitation; I wanted to make sure that when you received the invitation that you also had the conference document so that you will see what is proposed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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