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**Re: Hello Jack!**

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To: John Wheeler <wheelerusa@usa.net>

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Dear Jack,

How nice to hear from you. Do come by whenever you might find yourself in the Cambridge area. No, I am not in any USG advisory position at present. My last stint was in the Clinton era, as a member of the State Dept's Arms Control and Nonproliferation Advisory Board. I remain interested in CBW, especially BW matters, mainly in the context of the KFK's Belfer Center for Science and International Security where I am the so-called Chair for CBW matters and also with the NAS Committee on International Security and Arms Control, with which my wife and I are about to leave for China to discuss nuclear and cbw interests with a counterpart committee of the Chinese academy of sciences. As a side trip we will visit Harbin and Ping Fan, where there is now a museum and archive with materials about the 1940s Japanese BW activities there. Actually it is my wife, Jeanne Guillemin, who is really active in this area, having just had her book "Biological Weapons" published by Columbia University Press. A few years ago her book "Anthrax: Investigation of a Deadly Outbreak" was published by U of California Press. It describes our on-site investigations in Sverdlovsk in 1992 and 1993 that established beyond doubt (previously I had considerable doubt) that the outbreak resulted from an aerosol release originating at a closed military compound within the city, killing about 70 people and also killing sheep and cattle downwind to a distance of about 50 km.

Like everyone else, I too found the Wall to be extremely moving and am not suprised to learn that someone like you had been guiding its creation. I had been in RVN only as a civilian, mainly outside Saigon, for six weeks in 1970, but enough to make the Wall all the more meaningful.

I haven't seen Han for a few years but think of him often and receive notes from occasionally.

Give me a call whenever you like or, better, come by. Anything I can do to help out, especially as concerns bio, let me know.

Best regards,

Matt

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