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Matt Meselson and Jeanne Guillemin

Dear Jeanne and Matt,

So good to enjoy Matt's company. Glad I can help your search for information about the story of Mr. Nixon's decision to abolish biological warfare offensive capability. Next time a recorder.

I called Randy Revelle. He'll call back eventually, but this is legislative season, an exhausting time. Lobbying the Washington State legislature on behalf of the Washington State Hospital Association is one of his tasks as a senior WSHA executive. Lucky fellow is still working.

I told Jai, my medical anthropologist, about Jeanne's experience as I understood it with neonatology: the neonatologists urged the parents to authorize "do everything that can possibly be done" (for my very premature baby). I remarked to Jai that Jeanne's experience seemed so different than Jai's (at Georgetown University Hospital neonatology unit ca 1983). Jai said, "The doctors (she observed) would do everything if parents really wanted that" and, then, ever the scientist, "I would have to see Jeanne's data" (to comment further). My memory of Dr. Siva, who led that team, was a humanist in the humanitarian sense devoted to working with parents at a crisis time in their life on behalf of their baby. I'm adding Mixed Blessings to my list to search used books. It'll be a treat when I succeed.

Jeanne's role at the AAAS meeting impressed me. Congratulations on being recognized. I am proud of your accomplishment in the biosecurity field.

Professor Pauling was right. For a long, healthy life, hold the handrail. I will. Thanks for the anecdote.

All the best 'til next time.

