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Jeanne,

Thank you for your note this afternoon (~5pm). Yes, I would very much like to read this 1959 document from Ft. Detrick. I have not seen it. Do you have an electronic copy? If not, I would be glad to fly to Boston and either make a copy or read it while there.

In fact, I would very much enjoy talking with you in person about your book and related issues. Would April 4 (Monday), April 12 (a Tuesday), or April 13 (a Wednesday) be possible to meet at your convenience in Boston (@ MIT or elsewhere)?

Regarding the 1959 document by Lincoln and Rhian, the only online reference I found this evening is in an Aug 6, 1997 JAMA paper by Raymond Zalinkas in which he cites this document to support his statement that anthrax has weaponized by the USA. Bill Patrick came to give a lecture to my Georgetown biodefense class for the three years before he passed away last Autumn. He sometimes talked about weaponizing anthrax at Ft. Detrick, which he defined as adding a dispersant to spores milled to be < 5 microns. Otherwise, however, Bill never spoke in more detail about anthrax, except for a co-worker at Detrick who received a large dose of spores and died in < one day.

When we talked by phone last Thursday morning, you suggested that I list some of my questions before we talk again. Of the many questions that I have, some of the ones at the top of the list include:

1. Can you put me in contact with any of the Russian physicians, e.g., Dr. Lev Grinberg (Hospital 40), Dr. Margarita Ilyenko (Hospital 24 and native of Chkalovskiy (p. 132 of your book)), Dr. Yakov Klipnitzer (Hospital 20), (Rosa Gaziyeva, Hospital 20), Hospital 1 (in Leninskiy rayon (p. 105), or anyone from Hospital 4 (Childrens Hospital)?
2. Can I read the (translated) case notes of the five (5) survivors that you and Mathew Meselson have, as well as any information on any the other survivors?
  - A. In particular, I am looking for mention of draining the fluid from around the lungs that nearly always occurs in patients with inhalational anthrax (e.g., in all 11 patients in 2001 (to my review of the autopsy and clinical publications, and also in most of the patients who had autopsies by Dr. Abramova and Grinberg as reported in their 1993 PNAS paper).
  - B. If survivors of inhalational anthrax in 1979, then that fact would significantly strengthen the argument I have been making since 2005 that our government should be stockpiling the necessary supplies to drain fluid from

around the lungs.

3. What is the evidence for and against deaths due to anthrax occurring at Hospitals 20 and 24, or elsewhere, on April 4, April 5, April 6 and April 7?

A. I recognize that Figure 3 on page 236 of "The Summing Up" chapter in your book lists April 8th as the earliest death, however, you mention (page 132) that "on a morning in early April" Dr. Ilyenko (Director of Hospital 24 in Chkalovskiy "about three hundred meters" from Compound 19 (p. 131)) first heard of the outbreak from Dr. Klipnitzer, the head of Hospital 20. Klipnitzer said to Ilyenko "Two of your people are dead", and the next morning he called to say three more patients had suddenly died. On the third day, three additional patients died at Ilyenko's own hospital 24. At some point thereafter (? Monday, April 9?) Klinitzer called for help with the diagnosis "which led to Dr. Abramova's identifying the disease as anthrax. But that was not until April 10...Before that, the early victims were not autopsied (p. 132)".

B. I also recognize that the surgeon, Dr. Klipnitzer recalls that it was the weekend of April 7-8 that patients initially started to appear and die suddenly at Hospitals 20, 24, and 1 (page 105).

C. Did any of the lists of patients that Dr. Ilyenko give you (e.g., page 134-135) give a date of April 4, 5, 6, or 7 for the earliest deaths, even if they could not be verified by autopsy as due to anthrax or if their names could not be found in the cemetery or on the KGB list (p. 149 chapter 15)?

4. My primary interest in the earliest part of the incubation period is why I ask about any deaths April 4-7.

A. David Hoffman's Washington Post article of December 16, 1998 (page A1), and more recent book "the Dead Hand" state that it was on Wednesday, April 4, 1979 when Dr. Klipnitzer (Hospital 24) called Dr. Ilyenko (Hospital 20) to say that two unusual deaths had occurred, and that between April 5 and 6 several patients died at Hospital 20 when Roza Gaziyeva was on duty overnight.

B. The Canadian News "CBC News Online" posted a story February 18, 2004 quoting Dr. Ilyenko as saying "People began to die around the fifth or sixth of April" (page 1 of 12 at: [www.cbc.ca/news/background/bioweapons/redlies.html](http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/bioweapons/redlies.html))

C. If the one and only release of anthrax from Compound 19 occurred on the afternoon of Monday, April 2nd then deaths on April 4, 5, or 6 (at Hospital 20 or 24) would likely have shortened the incubation period to 0.5-2.0 days.

Thanks you very much, Jeanne, for insight that you can provide regarding the above and for letting me know about the 1959 document from Detrick. If you would have any time to talk by phone tomorrow (Monday, April 4) that would be greatly appreciated.

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On Apr 3, 2011, at 5:07 PM, Jeanne Guillemin wrote:

Dan,

It occurs to me that you should read the following: Ralph E. Lincoln and Morris A. Rhian, "Anthrax in the BW Program," which was Detricks' summary of what was known about dose response and incubation in July 1959. It is an unclassified document- or was. I have a copy (BWL Technical Memorandum 2-37). Its argument is for mass production of anthrax spores, but its data is interesting.

All best,

Jeanne