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## Survivors from 1979 B.anthraxis

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Dear Dr. Meselson,

I am writing at the suggestion of Dr. Jeanne Guillemin. As a physician trained in infectious diseases and with a strong interest in clinical aspects of anthrax, I would deeply appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about the survivors of the 1979 outbreak on Sverdlovsk.

In Dr. Guillemin's 1999 book on the investigation of the outbreak it is stated (p.159) that the thick clinical files of five survivors: "Historically, they are gold".

In particular, I am very interested to know how many of these five patients had blood tests that confirmed the diagnosis of anthrax, and how many had drainage of the fluid around their lungs, in conjunction with antibiotic(s)?

My review of the data from the 11 patients in 2001 with inhalational anthrax in the USA supports such drainage of fluid around the lungs as an essential part of treatment that our CDC, and physicians, should anticipate.

Would you have time that we could talk by phone in the next 2-3 days? If so, can I reach you at 617-495-2264?

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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