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Dear Matthew-

It was a pleasure to speak with you yesterday and today. As I indicated, I am forwarding Dr. Gerstein's biographical sketch. He serves as the Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. He knows of our contact and I will further advise him of your Geneva plans and your email addresses.

Regarding the January 2009 Nature article, as I mentioned, your DHS observations have held up well. Just one comment:

- Although DHS has a goal of meeting twice per year, we don't meet quite that often anymore. Frequency of meetings has historically been driven by the need to hold formal reviews to facilitate timely initiation for subject projects. Currently, for projects that, after their reviews, almost certainly do not raise dual use concerns nor the perception of non-compliance may be initiated with the approval of the Compliance Assessment Program Office Lead (the Undersecretary for Science & Technology's Associate General Counsel). These projects will still be treated by the Compliance Review Group (CRG) at its earliest convenience.

Plans are to convene our 12th CRG in January; our first was convened in January 2006. We're proud that, as of today, we have provided 558 assessments of biological defense projects for DHS.

I hope your trip to Geneva is pleasant.

Warmest regards,

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