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Dear Matt,

recently I was invited to participate in a meeting with some Politicians, who would like to get informed on questions of biological warfare. Since I have no knowledge of my own I tried to find some literature and read the book, edited by Steven Rose, on the conference in London, at which you participated. Since this closes the discussion in the middle of 1968 I should like to know something of newer developments. I read in the Newspapers that recently it became known that R-factors were introduced in pathogenic bacteria for the use of biological weapons. Since you are familiar with these problems, could you just drop me a note on some literature if you happen to have it at hand? Many thanks in advance.

With best regard and best wishes for 1970

Yours

Peter