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Dear Peter,

The best new publication on biological warfare is the WHO publication "Health Aspects of Chemical and Biological Weapons" obtainable from the Distribution and Sales Unit, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. It costs 12 francs and payment must be in Swiss francs.

I believe it is true that some research has been done at Fort Detrick on the introduction of R-factors in pathogenic bacteria. Specifically, resistance factors have been incorporated into Pasteurella pestis, as I recall. Some of the work is published in Bacteriological Reviews in recent years and is abstracted in Bacteriological Proceedings, the summary of papers given at the annual meeting of the American Microbiological Society.

I also enclose for your possible interest a short paper based on a talk I gave in London.

With warm regards,

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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