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Precedence: ROUTINE

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To: Washington Field

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From: Washington Field

AMX-3

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 279A-WF-222936-USAMRIID (Pending) - 927

Title: AMERITHRAX;  
MAJOR CASE 184

Synopsis: Report results of a 09/08/2004 meeting at the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID).

Enclosure(s): 1. USAMRIID Research Protocols B01-07, B00-03, D98-03, F00-11, and D99-02; 2. e-mail from Bruce E. Ivins to [redacted] dated September 2, 2004, 3:43 PM; 3. e-mail from Bruce E. Ivins to [redacted] dated 8:49 AM; 4. e-mail from [redacted] dated September 3, 2004, 10:50 AM; 5. copies of a facsimile sent from SA [redacted] on 09/10/2004; 6. Unsigned copy of an August 24, 2004 letter presented to [redacted] USAMRIID, by Amerithrax.

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Details: On 09/08/2004, SA [redacted] AMX-3 met with [redacted] of the United States Army Military Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a letter dated August 24, 2004 which was presented to [redacted] USAMRIID, by Amerithrax. This letter requested numerous items and documents from USAMRIID in support of the Amerithrax investigation.

At the beginning of the meeting, [redacted] presented SA [redacted] with USAMRIID Research Protocols B01-07, B00-03, D98-03, F00-11, and D99-02, as requested in the letter.

[redacted] presented SA [redacted] with a copy of an e-mail sent to [redacted] from [redacted]. Several items were discussed in regard to [redacted] e-mail.

[redacted]

[redacted] 04258B  
[redacted] #15 [redacted]

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[redacted] has reviewed the hard copy log of electron microscopy from July 1982 to the present and has prepared a list of everything that meets the description of Ames spore preparations. [redacted] has also included in [redacted] list samples that could meet this description, for which the submitting investigator did not provide enough information.

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[redacted] stated in [redacted] e-mail that blood/tissues from animals infected with various strains of B. anthracis were excluded. SA [redacted] asked if the Ames strain was used to infect these animals. Those present at the meeting did not know, but stated they would find out from [redacted]

[redacted] stated in [redacted] e-mail that anything with [redacted] name would have originated from [redacted]

[redacted] stated that TEM sample [redacted] was a special project for the Defense Nuclear Agency and that the micrographs were requested for [redacted] of Kaman Science Corporation and were to be used for briefings and to assist in the determination of precise spore sizes. SA [redacted] advised that the FBI does want these items.

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SA [redacted] advised that the FBI does not want SEM "stubs" for Ames powder which was submitted by the FBI for analysis.

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[redacted] questioned whether the FBI wanted TEM and SEM negatives. (After the meeting SA [redacted] asked SA [redacted] AMX-2, whether the negatives were needed. SA [redacted] advised that the negatives were not needed. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] telephonically on 09/10/2004 that the negatives were not required.)

[redacted] asked what the procedure has been for the production of personnel records for FBI review. SA [redacted] advised that previously, [redacted] who is no longer employed by USAMRIID, would call SA [redacted] when [redacted] had pulled the requested records. In a timely fashion, FBI Agents and Postal Inspectors would come to USAMRIID to review these records and make copies of any pages they found of interest. [redacted] advised that this process can continue. [redacted] advised that [redacted] would now handle issues related to the USAMRIID personnel files, and would contact SA [redacted] when the files were ready.

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Discussion ensued regarding the FBI request for laboratory notes and computer files regarding Ames research and Ames spore production. Bruce Ivins had forwarded an e-mail to

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[redacted] advising that the number of files on [redacted] computer is too voluminous to print out or copy. After some discussion regarding the individual USAMRIID investigators' computer files, SA [redacted] advised that [redacted] would discuss this issue with Amerithrax management and contact [redacted] with further guidance.

[redacted] advised that USAMRIID could not locate documents, laboratory notes, or other papers relating to the work of USAMRIID laboratory technician [redacted]. SA [redacted] advised that the previous day [redacted] had been given some of these items by [redacted]. SA [redacted] advised that on 09/10/2004 [redacted] would provide some of these items to [redacted] to assist in USAMRIID's further search for some of these items. (On 09/10/2004, SA [redacted] sent, via facsimile, two pages from the items provided by [redacted] a letter from [redacted] dated July 30, 1999 which references [redacted] work, and an abstract of a study "Biological Warfare Decontamination Efficacy Study", in which [redacted] is listed as a participant.)

[redacted] ended the meeting by advising that [redacted] would contact SA [redacted] when additional documents requested in the letter were ready to be picked up by the FBI.

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USAMRIID  
1425 Porter Street  
Fort Detrick, Maryland 21702

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Dear [Redacted]

Pursuant to the ongoing criminal investigation into the 2001 mailings of letters laced with *Bacillus anthracis*, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) requests the items, documents, and/or access listed below. If a point of contact for an item or document has been identified by one of our investigators, that point of contact is listed with the item or document. Please contact Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [Redacted]

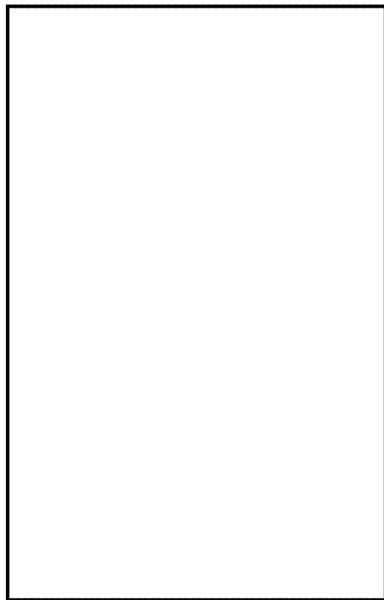
[Redacted] or Special Agent [Redacted] when the items are available for pickup from USAMRIID. Please contact SSA [Redacted] directly regarding any problems or issues with the items or documents requested.

- Any electron microscopy stubs and micrographs from any Ames spore preparations at USAMRIID [Redacted]
- Final contract documents from the contract between USAMRIID and Dugway for the production of Ames spores for aerosol challenges including the protocol actually used, micrographs, and other documentation (Bruce Ivins)
- Requirements for the production of Standard Reference Materials in the Bacteriology Division
- Research Protocols numbered B01-07, B00-03, D98-03, F00-11, D99-02 for aerosol challenges.
- Access to personnel records for the following employees:

[Redacted]



■ Travel, leave, and time and attendance records for the following employees:



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■ Laboratory notes, computer files, and other documentation kept by [redacted]  
Bruce Ivins, [redacted]

[redacted] Frederick Knauert  
(deceased), Oliver Mikesell (deceased), [redacted]  
[redacted] regarding Ames samples, Ames  
research and Ames spore production.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Inspector in Charge

By:

[Redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

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cc:

[Redacted]

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