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Dear Riley--

I look forward to seeing you 3/24.

Some suggestions for discussion:

~~IX~~ Image problems of CW and BW work. Can't be separated from
substantial issues--
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Minimizing the secret sector. Can one major installation be made open (like Walter Reed) and concentrate the sensitive work elsewhere? Delegate its operation to the PHS?

Get more biologists interested in the threat of BW proliferation. More open exposition of the problem, and elicitation of research that might bear ~~xxx~~ on control systems. Tighteh (sic) security in areas that might contribute to proliferation.

Where will it all end? Can BW proliferation be controlled? Will BW be adopted as a guerilla tactic, and what countermeasures are possible? (I am very worried about this, but hardly dare mention it for fear of putting an evil idea in someone's head.)

Is there any danger of a Skull Valley incident with a BW agent? Will we have to wait till after the fact to set up a review commission that looks for possible trouble?

I am planning to attend WHO and Pugwash conferences on BW hazards and control approaches in May. I hardly know here to begin in trying to approach these problems, but we can even less afford not to. I will ask your personal reaction to some of the schemes that have been suggested (especially Heden's idea of emphasizing deployment-verification and strengthening detection systems-- I'm sure you saw his piece in the ARM.)

Yours,



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