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Dear John

*None ↓*

Thank you for your note and the reprints. Foreign cytoplasm shattering the chromosomes -- sounds like apoptosis. I'll have to hunt down the references.

As a former naval person\* myself, I am quite mystified by the interest that USN might have as the foundation for your anecdote. Of course, from WW-2 on to 1970 the DoD had set up the Fort Detrick labs to explore biological warfare, and they might have run into something that would bear on my work. Happily, BW was not used in WW-2 (except the notorious Japanese expts. on POW's in Manchuria.) So the war was won regardless.

I have been working hard to get the acceptance of BW disarmament, and to see the treaty is enforced.

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Yours sincerely,

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