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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

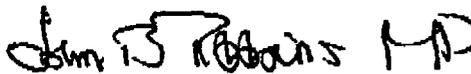
I am grateful to you for providing the opportunity to participate in the IOM Meeting on Biological Warfare. I learned a lot from you during the meeting.

Enclosed is a bibliography and some additional information on anthrax. In our country, Dr. Stephen Leppla, Laboratory of Microbial Ecology, Building 30, Rm. 309, NIDR, NIH, Bethesda, MD, 20892, Dr. Philip Brachman, CDC and Dr. William Habig, CBER, FDA, 8800 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, 20892 are the most qualified individuals in this field. In England, Dr. Ian Henderson, Public Health Laboratory Service, Porton Down, England, is experienced in surveillance and analysis of strain variation among B. anthracis.

I feel that a collaborative research program between Dr. Leppla and the appropriate scientists in Russia could be started quickly, would have a good chance of providing new and important information and would establish a working group that would attract international recognition. The latter would favor "disclosure" as well as a cadre of competent scientists who would be as aware of activities in the field of anthrax as any I could conceive. If given a chance, this group could provide information on the "incident" in Russia.

Again, I enjoyed meeting with you and learned a lot about science and diplomacy. Perhaps we may meet soon to discuss evaluation of a new tuberculosis vaccine in New York City.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John B. Robbins M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

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Enclosures

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