Dear Col. Buckner

Thank you for your note and draft.

I don't know where the "State Dept" report is. I was not very happy with it, and if it disappears in limbo, so much the better. It said nothing more about military applications than what you quoted, plus a disclaimer that that issue was better dealt with elsewhere.

My general position converges with yours. Yes, G/E adds something to the refinement of BW; but the big issue is testing for reliability. This is far easier done on crops than on people.

G/E will result in better vaccines, etc., and paradoxically this may be its military role, i.e., to assure immunity of the agressor's people!

We don't believe that G/E is crucial to BW. But a country that invests in BW will certainly go the next mile and use G/E for that refinement.

I am not too happy about spreading even good ideas for BW in unclassified media. Perhaps a similar motive has dampened others' public comments.

Are you at the Pentagon or Roslyn? Please send me your phone number and I'll try to look you up, perhaps in about a month during the DSB mtg.

Sincerely,

Jerome Frankel