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RU Council – Richard Butler

He will cover Iraq.

1) □ – terrorist.

1) State mounted attack could be mega scale, multisites and multi-agent.
In principle perhaps detenable

2) Terrorist – not be underestimated. They can make war as well. Perhaps less robust, and only by chance likely to give mega casualties. ... not totally out of reach ... not detenable.

How are we prepared? Never perfectly, e.g. just as we could still get a truck bomb, or major arsonism.

Good news, we have had warning by a miniscale attack, the threat letters. We are mobilizing; and some 6 lives have been saved by vigilant medical mgt. Possibly all the 5 lifted inhalation cases could in principle have been managed. Who'd have guessed Oxford CT?

Unfortunate if we squander the opportunity, if we take the miniscale experiment to be the envelope of what's facing us – and especially what looms if we don't solve the very knotty problem of Saddam Hussein.
Our public diplomacy has failed. But I'm going to leave that discussion to Amb. Butler ... technical aspects.

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For now, anthrax + smallpox on the table

Sufficient unto the day!

What we face:

What we can do: consequence mitigation.
We can't put out every fire, will have to learn to live with some predictably bad fire, and must not give up.

What we are doing.

FBI has taken charge of epidemiology.
DoD has played negligible role in homeland security. Appropriate for this scale, but meant no exercise.

Let's be more concrete about what's ahead: