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PRESIDENT

TO: Peter Bahnsen
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I have just received your letter of May 17th and with it your draft of a missile to launch to the President and others. I would be certainly prepared to sign that letter but we should, as you say, address some of the turf concerns. I would probably not want to mention OTA: but I guess that does raise the question whether to send this letter now, or to wait until the report from OTA has appeared, and see whether there is a sufficient reaction to it.

As far as Dr. Sullivan is concerned my thought was not in any way to try to induce him to get into the research funding. Rather we have to raise the question with Dr. Mason or with Dr. Sullivan the grounds for the reluctance on the part of CDC in coming to grips with operational preparations: the necessity of developing some form of engagement of CDC's unparalleled technical resources.

I would be inclined to give Allan Bromley at least a day or two to react before addressing it to the President. Finally, I would also include a cover to remind Mr. Bush: at the time that he was conferring the National Medal of Science, I recalled to him that I had worked for him as DCI on his S&T Advisory Panel (with attention to the same matters). The letter should make some reference to the intelligence appreciation that a number of quite unstable governments are more than dabbling with BW capabilities.

Anyhow, even without those changes (although they would be better) the letter is close enough to final, that you could certainly consult with your friends on Congressional staffs.

Yours sincerely,

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