

FBI Implicated in Anthrax Mailings Cover-up: Mueller Reports No Intention to Investigate Chief Suspect

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Sandpoint, ID -FBI officials may be implicated in a conspiracy to impede justice in the anthrax mailings case, if not treasonous dereliction of duty, according to a growing number of scientists and consumer advocates. After officials cited the likeliest origin of the powdered anthrax was the U.S. Army's Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah, or its Ohio-based supplier and CIA-contractor, Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI), FBI Director Robert Mueller announced the bureau has no intention of investigating anyone with, or formerly with, their chief suspect-BMI.

Just weeks ago, major progress in the FBI's investigation seemed forthcoming. The New York Times and Washington Post revealed that BMI, Dugway's anthrax facility supplier and chief administrator had contracted with the CIA (in project "Clear Vision") to produce, albeit illegally, the 1 trillion spore-per-gram strain of anthrax under investigation. BMI, while heading the U.S. military's "Joint Vaccine Acquisitions Program" worth more than \$1 billion in vaccine contracts, commissioned America's top anthrax expert, William C. Patrick, III, to deliver a report on the powdered anthrax's prospects for being spread through the mail.

Thus, by mid-December, the public, including health scientists urged to help federal officials identify suspects, realized that someone with high level security clearance, a "black-op budget," access to the BMI/Dugway anthrax labs, and vaccine sales incentive, most likely took BMI's powdered anthrax, and prepared it for mailing from Trenton, NJ; St. Petersburg, FL; Atlanta, GA; and Malaysia.

For the first time since the 1975 Frank Church congressional investigation of the CIA for illegally stockpiling anthrax and other biological weapons, the public learned that the CIA had been violating the international Geneva Accord moratorium on biological weapons development-a revelation somewhat embarrassing to American diplomats engaged in the global "War on Terrorism."

The day before Christmas, an Op Ed piece in the Wall Street Journal additionally implicated BMI, and potentially the FBI, along with rogue elements within the CIA, in an international conspiracy to commit and cover-up the anthrax mailings crime. BMI and Bioport, a Michigan-based offshoot of Britain's leading biological weapons organization at Porton Down, were previously reported to be collaborating on the manufacture and supply of America's only anthrax vaccine. Dr. Robert C. Myers, Chief Operating Officer of BioPort, told a Senate Appropriations Committee in 1996 that he "was part of a team of organizations, led by Battelle Memorial Institute . . ." The Journal writer Edward Jay Epstein cited the testimony of U.S. Army bioweapons official David Franz concerning America's reliance on British intelligence provided by Porton Down officials regarding

the development and use of the powdered Ames strain of anthrax. Thus, the FBI's disregard of foreign suspects, especially Porton Down, with direct links to Bioport and BMI's anthrax vaccine, vaccine contracts, and BMI's and Dugway's anthrax experiments, was criticized by Epstein as it was days earlier in the Washington Post.

More evidence of the FBI's intentional ineptitude came from the Columbus Dispatch. Though the Washington Post reported that the FBI was allegedly pursuing the possibility that financial gain was the motive behind the anthrax mailings, and that "two laboratories" were especially implicated, that is, BMI and Dugway, a contradictory announcement was relayed the same day (Dec. 21, 2001) by Ohio Senator Mike DeWine. Based on an ABC News report concerning a BMI employee who had been under FBI investigation for an anthrax threat, FBI Director Robert Mueller had, according to The Dispatch, assured Senator DeWine that the bureau was not investigating, nor intending to investigate, anyone with, or formerly with, BMI.

Currently then, the FBI has no intention of investigating its chief suspect, despite the grave likelihood that the remaining mystery will continue to exact massive economic and socio-political tolls. These proceedings have bewildered and even outraged many scientists and public health professionals from whom the FBI requested assistance.

"If Senator DeWine's statements accurately reflect director Mueller's intention to disregard all of the most damning evidence concerning Battelle and allied vaccine makers," said Dr. Leonard Horowitz, "then the American people should demand a new FBI director, and Congress should demand the General Accounting Office investigate the bureau's misconduct."

Dr. Horowitz, among a handful of infectious disease authorities who openly criticized the CIA's illegal biological weapons program involving anthrax in his national bestselling book, *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola-Nature, Accident or Intentional?*, was the first to develop the theory that BMI and the CIA may be acting on behalf of British profiteers in what he says amounts to "military-industrial sabotage approaching American economic genocide." His lengthy report on the case, initially submitted to the FBI, is available from his publisher's website at:

http://www.tetrahedron.org/articles/anthrax/anthrax_espionage.html.

In defending the FBI's position, the Washington Post reported that the bureau only learned of a BMI-administered CIA "defensive" biowarfare contract involving the Ames-strain of anthrax in recent weeks. "The CIA program was [allegedly] designed to develop defenses to a vaccine-resistant strain of anthrax reportedly created by the former Soviet Union," officials defended. CIA spokespersons expressed certainty that "the anthrax used in the mailings did not come from their work."

Taking the agency on its word, the powdered anthrax may not have "come from their work," but their contractor's work, that is, BMI.

Critics claim this CIA defense is deceptive for at least two other reasons: 1) the Soviet Union's most potent anthrax was only half as concentrated as this new CIA/Battelle creation; and 2) it is an American/British-Ames, Iowa-strain prototype, not a Soviet creation, and not resembling anything available to Iraq or other countries favored by terrorists. This spoils the excuse the powdered anthrax was produced for any form of "defense," including vaccines.

"Vaccines are developed to help guard against pre-existing threats," said Ingri Cassel, director of the national Vaccination Liberation association-a consumer education and advocacy group. "This anthrax powder was illegally prepared, apparently for offensive military uses, sabotage, and even terrorism. You simply don't develop a new hyper-weaponized strain of anthrax powder for military defense, which implies preventive vaccinations against old Soviet threats, and then commission the top U.S. anthrax expert [William C. Patrick, III] to report on this new weapon's capability and lethality from mailed delivery, unless that's how you foresee it being used," Ms. Cassel reasoned.

Many people are pondering the suspicious "Machiavellian-like" targeting of the mass media and congressional Democrats (liberals) befitting the phrase "the ends justifies the means." Multi-million dollar vaccine contracts, fast-tracked drug approvals, and frenzied consumer and legislative demand for costly, risky, and largely ineffective vaccines, antibiotics, and other high-priced preventives are the most obvious results of the anthrax mailings.

Referring to the unprecedented silica-based, electro-statically charged, dry powdered form of hyper-concentrated anthrax sent through the mail to members of the media and Senators Daschle and Leahy, Dr. Horowitz concluded, "It was the only form of anthrax that could be effectively spread, as it was, through the U.S. mail with such far reaching effects. Therefore, the primary suspects have been identified, their dubious histories are well known, and their motives are clear. Any further effort to impede this investigation places FBI director Mueller in the position of an 'enemy national,' or a traitor to the American people he is sworn to protect."

Note to journalists: For more information about Dr. Horowitz's investigation, to schedule an interview, or for review copies of his books *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola-Nature, Accident or Intentional?* (1998) and/or *Death in the Air: Globalism, Terrorism and Toxic Warfare*, (June, 2001) please call Elaine Zacky at 1-888-508-4787, visit www.tetrahedron.org, or e-mail: pr@tetrahedron.org.

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