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From: Cain, BG Eddie
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Subject: FW: Anthrax Vaccine

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From: Cain, BG Eddie
Sent: Monday, May 03, 1999 6:05 PM
To: Wade, COL John
Subject: RE: Anthrax Vaccine

Relax John, we should have all anticipated the media picking-up GAO's as oppose to DoD's "soundbites. I still believe we held our own & my people did a superb job getting me ready in such a short period of time. What's done is done; I think the key is to move forward. We keep talking about putting forth an aggressive showing, two key areas we came up flat were the GAO's assertion that #1, the anthrax vaccine licensed was NOT the one tested and # 2, how can DoD say that reported desert storm illnesses were not cause by the anthrax vaccine when we have no record of who received shots. If we can not answer these questions we (DoD & the Administration) are in big time trouble. I will work the BioPort oversight plan, but believe we are digging ourselves a hole that will be too difficult to crawl out off - if we provide anymore oversight, BioPort could technically be called a GOCOM organization. And if you think Congressman Shays was critical of the current relationship between FDA & DoD, wait until he finds out that DoD is calling all the shots on sight.

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From: John V. Wade [mailto:WADEJV@acq.osd.mil]
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Subject: Anthrax Vaccine

General Cain,

Just came from meeting with Mr. Oliver, Sue Baily, Pam Berkowsky, Fred Gerber, and reps from LA, OGC, USD(P&R) regarding the Shay's Hearing and follow-on actions. HA worked late into Friday evening, this was the follow-on. The feeling was that while FDA started strong and ended strong, GAO carried the day during the questioning. As a result of this there will likely be a 'single OSD point of contact for Anthrax' assigned. SECDEF will be calling either FDA or HHS with the message "we (DoD/FDA) didn't do to well on this one" requesting that they write to Shays, as will DoD (HA lead). Lots of questions regarding how we were "unprepared to answer/counter GAO's testimony." There will also, most likely be a letter to GAO discussing our displeasure with the "expertise" put on this project.

Here's the web page I mentioned -- doesn't paint a pretty picture:

<http://more.abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/anthrax990429.html>

I understand that there was also an interview in the Hartford Connecticut Chronical (see e-bird last Wed).

Originally Mr. Oliver wanted to "Murder Board" you on AVA tomorrow; later the tasking evolved into a "very tight" point paper by Friday outlining JPO-BD's plan for oversight of BioPort. He also wants a "cradle-to-grave" review of how we got to the current contract.

Please chat this up with Bob, Mike, and Winnie and give me a call in the morning -- we'll need to attack this very aggressively. Also, you know Mr. Oliver's style -- be ready for additional com's from any imaginable quadrant (suspect he'll be on the phone to LTG's Blanck and Kern).