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To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Policy question
Date: Monday, March 06, 2000 11:10:37 AM

Hi, (b) (6) So nice to hear from you, but shame on you for getting (b) (6) "in a family way!" (Just kidding, of course.) Here at USAMRIID, pregnant women are not allowed in biocontainment suites, at least the BL-3 suites where they work with B. anthracis. Talk to you later!

- Bruce

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2000 8:53 AM
To: 'Bruce.Ivins@'(b) (6)
Subject: Policy question

Dear Bruce,

Hi! I think you know I am doing this spell at CDC helping (I hope) them to retrieve lost low-tech anthrax skills. I believe (b) (6) conveyed my good wishes 10 days ago in DC.

Can you tell me whether there is a policy in place in USAMRIID regarding pregnant women working with B. anthracis? This is assuming that, at the time they learn they are pregnant, their vaccination status is OK.

Despite "retirement" from (b) (6), I have a string of papers/chapter demands hanging round my neck. Working on these I constantly marvel at how productive you have been over the 16 years (I think) I have known you. Citations of your work always constitute great strings in my references. (b) (6) have done extremely well also, of course. It seems to remain a great team up there.

Enough flattery, I must get back to work!

Usual best wishes,

(b) (6)