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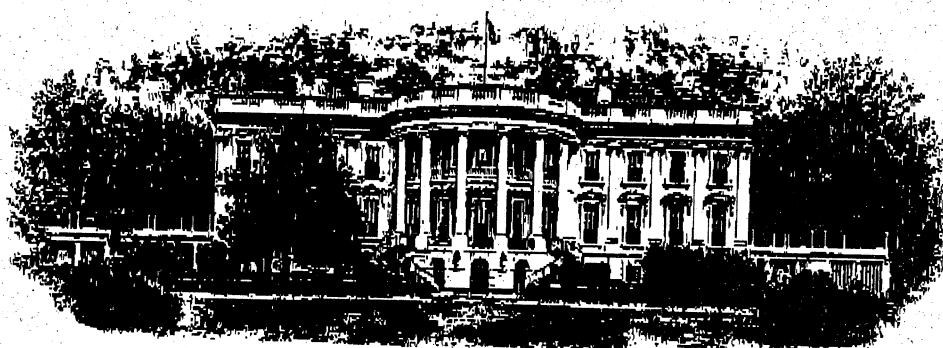
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Washington, D.C. 20504

**AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE**Date: 5/27/03Pages to follow 4FROM: Jendayi Frazer

phone: 202-456-9261

fax: 202-456-9260

 X Cindy Courville

Robby Pittman

A detailed black and white engraving of the White House, showing the main building with its iconic portico and the surrounding grounds with trees and a fence.

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phone: 202-456-9261
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DROC

From: Battenfield Patricia A.
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 11:52 AM
To: 'PeacockNM@state.sgov.gov'
Cc: @African Affairs
Subject: FW: AF PRESS GUIDANCE urgent clearance [UNCLASSIFIED, Record]



PRESS GUIDANCE
solana troop re...

See changes from Jendayi Frazer on the attached -- the first change is critical; the added point is a recommended change.

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From: Peacock, Nicole M [mailto:PeacockNM@state.sgov.gov]
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> Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 6:32 AM
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> Mennuti, Deborah; Foulon, Mark M(S/P Speechwriters)
> Cc: Peacock, Nicole M
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> All:

> please clear on the attached guidance by 10:30 AM. again, very
> similar to guidance from earlier this week. tks, AR

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May 8, 2003

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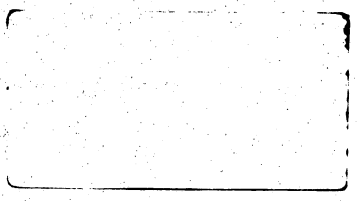
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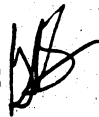
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April 5, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR KARL ROVE

FROM: GREGORY L. SCHULTE 
SUBJECT: Draft Response to Jerry Zucker

Attached at Tab I is a proposed response to Jerry Zucker of The InterTech Group who wrote you regarding an outbreak of Ebola in the Congo and Gabon.

Attachments

Tab A Draft Response to Zucker
Tab B Letter from Zucker

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NAME: Karl Rove

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FAX NO: 202-456-0191

FROM: Jerry Zucker

DATE: Feb. 27, 2003

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VIA FACSIMILE
202-456-0191

URGENT

TO: Karl Rove
FROM: Jerry Zucker
DATE: February 27, 2003
RE: Ebola Outbreak in Congo

As you may have heard, there is an outbreak of Ebola in the Congo and Gabon. Reports are that 80 people are known to have been infected with Ebola in the Congo, of which 76 have died. Reports are that approximately 30,000 have been quarantined in the immediate area by health and security forces; however an estimated 1,200 to 1,800 that may have been exposed, have fled that area out of fear.

Unlike anthrax, which requires over 20,000 spores to be inhaled before and otherwise healthy individual becomes ill and which is not contagious, Ebola is highly contagious and only requires one particle to cause death with the infection/death rate of a naive population (such as in the US) at 100%. Recently the President described it as "the most deadly virus in the world." For years the world has been at risk of a natural outbreak of Ebola in an urban population. That risk has been amplified by the possibility of Ebola being used as a biological weapon of mass destruction. This outbreak presents two possible crises 1) the outbreak may escape the "semi" quarantined area and show up in areas difficult or impossible to quarantine becoming widespread and potentially involving much loss of life and widespread panic and/or social paralysis, and 2) this natural virus could be harvested and used by terrorists either in its natural state or it could be weaponized to increase its communicability according to recipes published by scientists and available on the Internet. To say the least, the timing is not propitious.

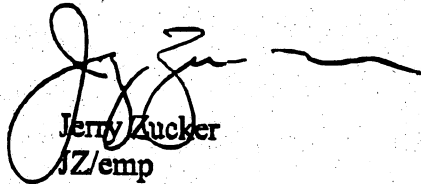
To the best of my knowledge, only one multivalent Ebola vaccine has been rigorously challenge tested in animal studies by USAMRIID and found to be 100% effective while not producing any symptoms or side effects. Safety testing of the vaccine in humans has not yet begun but should be expedited by NIAID. Importantly, that vaccine can be injected in horses using an FDA approved protocol to produce what is very likely to be an effective anti-serum against Ebola that could be given to people who have already been exposed to the virus and which ought to prevent the onset of the lethal disease (obviously as soon after a possible infection as possible). The unique characteristics of this Ebola vaccine make it possible for such an anti-serum to be available in approximately 5 weeks.

The anti-serum could be made available to healthcare workers, military forces and/or civilians. The existence of, and publicity about, such an anti-serum would likely facilitate containment of the disease and, by eliminating the "incurable" aspect of the disease reduce the severity of a paralyzing overreaction by civilians. Please see the memo below. Col. Bill Pratt at the USAMRIID laboratories can be contacted with regard to the verification of the above facts, telephone number 301-619-2405.

It is my belief that the government should immediately initiate a mass production of both vaccine and anti-serum. There is a "sister" disease to Ebola named Marburg virus that has very similar characteristics. An equally effective multivalent vaccine exists for Marburg. It too has been challenge tested with the same results by USAMRIID. GenPhar has taken upon itself to begin production for about 2000 therapeutic doses of antisera at its own expense for both. The current situation could quickly become a global crisis if not immediately addressed. These natural outbreaks historically occurred every 5 years or so; recently they have been occurring about once a year. It's only a matter of time before one of these lethal hemorrhagic fever viruses shows up in an urban population and that may well have catastrophic health and social ramifications. That has been a subject for countless science fiction dramas. We ought to prepare for such an event in every way possible before it takes place. Please see additional details in the attached excerpt from a letter from John Y. Dong, M.D., PhD

In the interest of national security, I am urgently requesting that you confer with the relevant parties and the President.

Sincerely,



Jerry Zucker
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Attachments

PS Please feel free to speak with Dr. Richard Tubb and Gen. Klaus Schafer.

Steve Hutchinson, Chairman of GenPhar can be contacted at 212-375-6201

Dr. John Dong of GenPhar can be contacted at 843-884-0120

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In light of the current outbreak of Ebola in the Congo, we have initiated production of antisera for the two strains of Ebola and the three strains of Marburg viruses using our multivalent vaccines against hemorrhagic fever. As Steve Hutchinson mentioned to you, the Army tests on these vaccines demonstrated 100% efficacy against Ebola and Marburg virus challenges at 1,000 times the lethal dose. Our vaccine platform is the only one capable of being multivalent and inducing both neutralizing and CTL responses. We have arranged to produce the antisera against Ebola and Marburg viruses under cGMP conditions. We would like to donate the sera to the patients and healthcare workers in the Congo. This will be the only hope for treatment of patients, and as a safeguard for the healthcare workers in case of exposure to the deadly viruses in this and future outbreaks.

I believe this project will have a great impact on our nation and the world. As you may know, the frequency of Ebola outbreaks has increased in recent years, and this is the first time in history that there have been outbreaks in two consecutive years. It is the greatest fear that the "most deadly viruses known to mankind" (—President Bush) may be used as biological weapons against our nation. Healthcare workers and military personnel have made great efforts to secure the outbreak regions and prevent the spread of the disease, and eliminate the possibility of terrorist groups taking a seed stock from those regions. It is also feared that terrorists may enter the region and get themselves infected and spread the disease by traveling to other parts of the world. You may also be aware that the efforts to quarantine the outbreak regions (reportedly 30,000 people) have failed due to the thousands of people who have fled the area in fear for their lives.

Colonel Peter Jarling at USAMRIID stated (before the September 11th terrorist attacks): "Ebola has the potential to go airborne and be spread like the flu. An airborne strain of Ebola could circle the world in close to 6 or 7 weeks". Obviously, if a madman like Sudam Hussein got a chance to spread the virus, the only people standing on this planet would be those who have been vaccinated. I believe that your initiative will do a great service not only for our nation, but for all of mankind.

John

John Y. Dong, M.D., Ph.D.
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THROUGH: JENDAYI FRAZER *JF*

FROM: CINDY COURVILLE *CC*

SUBJECT: Ebola Outbreak Draft Response

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Response was delayed pending updated information on Ebola situation from the Department of State.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on March 3, 2003.

Concurrence by: Courtney Nemroff *CN*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Karl Rove at Tab I.

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Tab I Memo to Karl Rove
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Date Due: March 17, 2003

Please Staff

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Respond directly with copy to the Senior Advisor

2/27/03 letter from Jerry Zucker (the InterTech Group) re: Ebola outbreak in the Congo. Please return this sheet to advise of action taken. Thanks.

Sarah Lockart (202) 456-2751

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