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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@aaas.org]

Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 10:19 AM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Report you may find interesting, and request to meet to discuss academia/law enforcement interactions

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Mr. [redacted] I was given your name by Graham Spanier, whom I have invited to participate in several sessions on the interface between the research and education community and the law enforcement and national security communities. I wanted to share with you the report of a symposium my Center held last January that brought senior academic administrators, practicing scientists, and academic biosafety and biosecurity professionals together with representatives from the law enforcement (including the FBI), intelligence, and national and homeland security communities to discuss how these communities can better understand and work with each other. This meeting focused on biosecurity issues, but the breadth of the conversation extended to many other aspects of academia/security interactions. In your role as the primary FBI sponsor of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board, these issues must be quite familiar to you, and I thought you might be interested in this report. (It is also available for download at <http://cstsp.aaas.org/content.html?contentid=2331> .)

Bringing together these communities is an area in which my Center has been quite active in the past. Given that we anticipate continuing our focus in these issues, I would very much like the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our Center and the type of activities it might conduct in the future in areas that would support the NSHEAB and other activities you may be involved in that deal with academic and research institutions. We would also have the opportunity to discuss this report and previous activities that may have been of interest with you.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet.

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From: [Redacted]@aaas.org]

Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 10:09 AM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Recent report that may be of interest

[Redacted] thanks for getting back to me. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet. At the same time that I had sent Dr. Spanier a copy of our report, I had also contacted [Redacted] directly, and he said he would be happy to meet but that I should get in touch with him in about two weeks to try to set up a time, given his travel. I'll plan on getting in touch with him and you at that point.

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>>> [Redacted]@ic.fbi.gov> 5/4/2010 7:27 AM >>>

Dr. [Redacted]

My name is [Redacted] and I work in [Redacted] Section here at FBIHQ. [Redacted] asked that I contact you to try to arrange a meeting--at your convenience--to discuss this report, as well as future partnership and collaboration efforts. If you have time within the next couple of weeks to sit down together, it would be most appreciated.

Thank you,

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From: Spanier, Graham [mailto:[Redacted]@psu.edu]

Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 11:48 AM

To: [Redacted]@aaas.org'

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Fw: Recent report that may be of interest

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Thanks so much for sharing your report and for your offer to collaborate on future projects. I look forward to reading the report and will share it with others. Best...

From: [Redacted]@aaas.org>

5/4/2010

To: Spanier, Graham
Sent: Mon May 03 10:28:10 2010
Subject: Recent report that may be of interest

Dr. Spanier, I wanted to send you a copy of a report my Center has just released on a meeting we held last January that brought senior academic administrators, practicing scientists, and academic biosafety and biosecurity professionals together with representatives from the law enforcement (including the FBI), intelligence, and national and homeland security communities to discuss how these communities can better understand and work with each other. This meeting focused on biosecurity issues, but the breadth of the conversation extended to many other aspects of academia/security interactions. The report is also available for download at <http://cstsp.aaas.org/content.html?contentid=2331>.

My Center plans to stay involved in this area, and we are currently developing a project that would follow up on this meeting, potentially expanding it beyond its initial biosecurity focus, and offering the opportunity to follow up in subsequent work groups or task forces. We would certainly want to work in coordination with the NSHEAB, the National Academies' Committee on Science, Technology, and Law, and other groups that are working at the science/security (or academic/law enforcement/security) interface. I would be delighted to discuss our plans further with you.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

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A federal appeals court yesterday upheld the conviction and prison sentence of former Texas Tech professor Thomas Butler for illegally shipping plague samples and for defrauding the university in unrelated consulting for drug companies. Yesterday, a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) committee also met to discuss how to help him find a suitable job upon his release, scheduled for January.

In a unanimous decision, three judges from the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans—temporarily operating out of Houston—rejected Butler's claim that six errors in his original trial prejudiced the jury against him. In their unsigned opinion, the judges concluded "that the district court did not commit reversible error." Butler has already served over 18 months of the 24-month sentence he received in March 2004.

Not surprisingly, scientists who have supported Butler decried the decision. "I'm bitterly disappointed but still confident in the American judicial system. This will go to the next level," said Peter Agre, a 2003 Nobel laureate in chemistry and a former student of Butler's. Stanley Falkow at Stanford University in California echoed that the decision was "one of the saddest things I have seen in my scientific career."

Butler has been stripped of his medical license, and his legal fees far exceed \$1 million. Several of his supporters said they fear he will find it extremely difficult to land a job that uses his medical and research skills. Consequently, yesterday, the Human Rights Committee of the NAS met to discuss how to help him find work upon his release. Butler is only the second U.S. scientist the committee - created to help foreign scientists persecuted by their governments -- has ever assisted.

Although the NAS does not allow members to talk about its deliberations, Peter Agre, the committee's chair, told *The Scientist* before the meeting that he and other members are very frustrated at their inability to find Butler a job. "We're kind of at a loss," Agre said, stressing he was speaking as a private citizen, not in an official capacity. "It's humiliating we haven't been able to do more."

Butler made worldwide news in January 2003 when he reported 30 vials of plague samples missing, causing 60 FBI agents to descend on his lab within hours. According to colleagues,

Butler collected the samples from plague-stricken Tanzanians to demonstrate that two readily available drugs can cure the disease.

The Justice Department charged him with lying to investigators about having lost the vials, committing tax fraud, and illegally shipping the plague samples back to Tanzania. The government also accused him of defrauding Texas Tech by giving it only half the money the Food and Drug Administration reimbursed him for plague expenses, and only half the amount two drug companies paid him for conducting clinical trials of unrelated new drugs. A jury acquitted him of most serious charges but found him guilty of illegal shipping and defrauding Tech on the drug company payments.

One prominent issue in Butler's appeal was his lawyers' contention that the original district trial judge should have allowed the plague charges to be tried separately from the fraud charges, because they were unrelated, and the jury's knowledge of one might prejudice its decision about the other. Government lawyers argued that the two charges were parts of a unified scheme to defraud Texas Tech and divert attention away from that crime by pretending to lose the vials. The appeals court ruled that the counts were related and that Butler was not harmed by trying them together. "I think it's certainly clear that the government was in the right in this prosecution on all fronts," Susan Calger, the assistant U.S. attorney who argued the government's side, told *TheScientist*.

Jonathan Turley, Butler's appeal attorney, strongly disagreed. "The opinion has a number of glaring and fundamental errors that will have to be addressed on appeal," he told *TheScientist*. "We were astonished to find that many of our arguments were simply ignored by the panel."

Turley explained Butler can appeal three more times: to the three judges, to all Fifth Circuit judges, and to the Supreme Court. "We are committed to keep fighting for Doctor Butler as long so long as it takes to seek final vindication," he said.

Butler, 64, is scheduled to be released nearly four months early, on January 2, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons' inmate locator web site. In November, he will be moved to a halfway house in his home town of Lubbock, Texas, according to his wife Elisabeth.

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Dear Mr. Berdahl,

We are pleased to inform you of a new initiative focused on facilitation of collaboration between Russian institutions of higher education and the international education and research community. Upon instructions and on behalf of the Ministry of education and science of the Russian Federation we invite you to take part in the implementation of this initiative.

On April 9, 2010 the government of the Russian Federation adopted the resolution "On measures designed to attract leading scientists to Russian institutions of education" pursuant to which the RF government is to allocate funds to achieve this goal in the amount of 3 billion roubles in 2010, 5 billion roubles in 2011, and 4 billion roubles in 2012.

The funds will be made available on a competitive basis in the form of grants in the amount of up to 150 million roubles each (or approximately \$5 million at the current exchange rate). These grants will be used to support scientific research projects in 2010-2012 with the possibility to extend the projects for another year or two.

All grant-making decisions will be made by the recently established Grants Council of the Russian Federation government. The Grants Council has already determined the research areas eligible for support under this program: astronomy and astrophysics, nuclear power and nuclear technologies, biology, biotechnologies, information technologies and computing systems, space research

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and technologies, mathematics, engineering, health sciences and technologies, mechanics and management processes, nanotechnologies, Earth sciences, material sciences and technologies, psychology, cognitive research, construction and architecture, physics, chemistry, ecology, economics, radio-electronics, international research, sociology, power production, energy efficiency and energy saving.

In addition, the Grants Council requires that the scientist invited by the university to organize a research team and direct a research project be physically present at the designated university for at least four months within a year (in total) starting 2011.

The grants will be made available not to the scientists but to the universities at which they will conduct their research activities. Universities, however, may not spend these funds without consent and authorization of the scientist whose project is being funded. The grant competitions are open which means that any Russian institution of higher education may participate as soon as its application is submitted jointly with a well-known and reputable scientist. The scientist's citizenship and country of residence does not matter. The amount of research projects implemented on the basis of one university is not limited, but the leading scientist may only participate in one project. The scientist may exercise a great deal of discretion selecting the topic of his research as long as it falls within the scope of the scientific areas specified by the Grants Council.


The terms and conditions of the research project are the subject of a special agreement executed by and between the scientist and the university that invites him. Pursuant to this agreement, the scientist is responsible for the outcome of the research activities that he organizes and directs, while the university is responsible for creating conditions required to facilitate said activities. Applicants may execute additional agreements with the organization at which the scientist works on a permanent basis to take into account the organization's research interests or design a joint project on the basis of the research in question.

The competition will be announced officially on June 25, 2010. Its results will be determined in August 2010.

We encourage you to take part in this initiative by informing the members of your association about it and assisting them in the formation of joint research projects with Russian universities. We are ready to assist the members of your association in establishing contacts with Russian universities.

For additional information please visit the website of the Ministry of education and science of the Russian Federation at www.eng.mon.gov.ru or submit your enquiries by email to the following address: @mon.gov.ru.

Yours sincerely,
Deputy Minister of Education and Science
of the Russian Federation


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From: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 8:51 AM
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: greetings

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Hello [redacted]

Thank you. I will have [redacted] SSA in CU I) reach out & meet with you so that we can move forward together.

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 5:10 PM
To: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: greetings

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[redacted]

Looks like \$57,044.67 is still left--but I'm a lawyer, not an accountant. One thing to note is that we (CD) have still not received a training video we paid them to produce. Our last file entry is from August 2009.

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 2:48 PM
To: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: greetings

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Hi, [redacted]

I've taken over for [redacted] and am still trying to find an answer for you. I've inquired around the Unit, but in the meantime will do some digging of my own re FAS.

Thanks, [redacted]

SSA [redacted]
FBIHQ

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Visit the [redacted] Home Page
[http://home.fbinet.fbi/NSB/\[redacted\]Pages/Default.aspx](http://home.fbinet.fbi/NSB/[redacted]Pages/Default.aspx)

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From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 4:08 PM
To: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: greetings

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[redacted] replacement is [redacted] who will be starting this Friday. We will take a look at the files and get back with you.

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Unit Chief, [redacted]
FBIHQ
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From: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 3:59 PM
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: greetings

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Hello [redacted]

Just touching base, would you have [redacted] replacement (big shoes to fill) and what, if any, balance remains on your (or was it thru us) contract with FAS?

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Thank you,
Cheers,
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From: [redacted] (WMD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:55 AM
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Subject: greetings

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Hello [redacted]

I hope all is well. Who is your poc for dealing with FAS now that [redacted] has moved on? Working with your Unit, we would like to re-engage with them.

Thx,
[redacted]

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