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Dr. Lederberg,

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Three quick points: 1) Feel free to revamp the summary as you wish. 2) I note that in Meselson's report, Bezdenejnich said there were no cases in the same household, which is inconsistent with what we heard; 3) The reference to an earlier Smolensk incident which you and I discussed does not jibe with the Yaroslavl incident either, because in all the incidents on the sheet Meselson gave us there was a 100% mortality rate. Nikiforov said 27 out of 37 people died in the incident he was talking about, so I decided to let his words stand for themselves rather than add to the confusion with a footnote. Okay with you?

In addition to your comments on the draft, I would appreciate your suggestions for people in government, NIH, etc who should be on the distribution list for the final report, since it should probably be sent to a slightly broader group than we send the CISAC reports.

Sincerely,

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