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Dear Josh,

I called but have heard nothing from the Science Advisor. The situation in Iraq increases the chances that they or the Palestinians will turn to chemical/biological terrorism.

I think the entire thing is caught up in the typical bureaucratic morass here in Washington.

I would hate to think of an incident of this nature occurring — when we feel very strongly about the likelihood — and we had not pressed strongly for consideration.

I feel strongly that you should send the letter. After that the deaths that result from their inaction will be on their shoulders, not ours.

Sincerely,

Peter F. Bahnsen

is being asked to
Peter - At Phil Russell's behest the DSB ~~will~~ run
a task force on the Biol. Def. Res. Program. I've agreed to
chair it on condition that our TOR include civil defense. (sic!)
I've also asked that you be invited to serve. I will try to open other
channels to Bush as well: but I doubt a formal letter will get
past Bramley and Snowcraft. So I'll concentrate on them.