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## The CDC's 1995 Letter to the Senate

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The Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2201

Dear Senator Riegle:

In 1993, at your request, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) forwarded to your office a listing of all biological materials, including viruses, retroviruses, bacteria, and fungi, which CDC provided to the government of Iraq from October 1, 1984, through October 13, 1993. Recently, in the course of reviewing our shipping records for a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from a private citizen, we identified an additional shipment, on May 21, 1985, that was not included on the list that was provided to your office. Following this discovery, we conducted a thorough review of all of our shipping records and are confident that we have now included a listing of all shipments. A corrected list is enclosed (Note: the new information is italicized).

These additional materials were hand-carried by Dr. Mohammad Mahmud to Iraq after he had spent three months training in a CDC laboratory. Most of the materials were non-infectious diagnostic reagents for detecting evidence of infections to mosquito-borne viruses. Only two of the materials are on the Commodity Control List, i.e., *Yersinia pestis* (the agent of plague) and dengue virus. (The strain of plague bacillus was non-virulent, and CDC is currently petitioning the Department of Commerce to remove this particular variant from the list of controlled materials).

We regret that our earlier list was incomplete and appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.  
Director

Enclosure

CDC SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ OCTOBER 1, 1984 THROUGH PRESENT

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4/26/85 8 vials antigen and antisera Minister of Health  
(*R. rickettsii* and *R. typhi*) Ministry of Health  
to diagnose rickettsial infections Baghdad, Iraq  
(non-infectious)

5/21/85 Etiologic Agents  
lyophilized arbovirus seed Dr. Mahammad Imad

West Nile Fever Virus Al-Deen M. Mahmud  
Lyophilized cultures of avirulent Dept. of Microbiology  
*Yersinia pestis* and College of Medicine  
*X. pseudotuberculosis* (strain T) University of Basrah  
Basrah, Iraq  
0.5 ml Bhanja Virus (Ig 690)  
0.5 ml Dengue Virus Type 2 (New Guinea C)  
0.5 ml Dengue Virus Type 3 (H-87)  
0.5 ml Hazara Virus (Pak IC 280)  
0.5 ml Kemerovo Virus (Rio)  
0.5 ml Langat Virus (TP 21)  
0.5 ml Sandfly Fever/Naples Virus (original)  
0.5 ml Sandfly Fever/Sicilian Virus (original)  
0.5 ml Sindbis Virus (EgAr 339)  
0.5 ml Tahyna Virus (Bardos 92)  
0.5 ml Thogoto Virus (II A)

Diagnostic Reagents and Associated Materials

2 vials each *X. pestis* PA (+ & -)  
conjugates  
2 vials *X. pestis* Fraction 1 antigen  
10 vials *X. pestis* bacteriophage impregnated paper strips  
5 plague-infected mouse tissue smears (fixed)  
Various protocols for diagnostic bacteriology tests  
23 X 0.5 ml Bhanja (Ig 690) antigen  
22 X 0.5 ml Dengue Type 2 (New Guinea C) antigen  
22 X 0.5 ml Dengue Type 3 (H-87) antigen  
22 X 0.5 ml Hazara (Pak IC 280) antigen  
23 X 0.5 ml Kemerovo (Rio) antigen  
21 X 0.5 ml Langat (TP 21) antigen  
24 X 0.5 ml Sandfly Fever/Naples (original) antigen  
24 X 0.5 ml Sandfly Fever/Sicilian (original) antigen  
23 X 0.5 ml Sindbis (EgAr 339) antigen  
23 X 0.5 ml Tahyna (Bardos 92) antigen  
20 X 0.5 ml Thogoto (II A) antigen  
23 X 0.5 ml Bhanja (Ig 690) antigen  
21 X 0.5 ml West Nile (Eg 101) antigen  
20 X 1.0 ml Normal SMB antigen  
10 X 0.5 ml Normal SML antigen  
5 X 1.0 ml Bhanja (Ig 690) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Dengue Type 2 (New Guinea C) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Dengue Type 3 (H-87) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Hazara (Pak IC 280) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Kemerovo (Rio) antibody  
5 X 2.0 ml Langat (TP 21) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Sandfly Fever/Naples (original) antibody  
5 X 2.0 ml Sandfly Fever/Sicilian (original) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Sindbis (EgAr 339) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Tahyna (Bardos 92) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml Thogoto (II A) antibody  
5 X 1.0 ml West Nile (Eg 101) antibody  
3 X 1.0 ml Normal MHIAP (SMB) antibody  
3 X 1.0 ml Normal MHIAP (SML) antibody  
1.0 ml A polyvalent grouping fluid  
1.0 ml AIYA, etc. polyvalent grouping fluid  
1.0 ml B polyvalent grouping fluid  
1.0 ml BUN polyvalent grouping fluid

1.0 ml B polyvalent grouping fluid  
 2.0 ml BUN polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml BWA polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml C-1 polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml C-2 polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml CAL polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml CAP polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml CON polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml GMA polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml KEM polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml PAL polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml PAT polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml PHL polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml QRF polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml Rabies, etc. polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml SIM polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml TCR polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml VSV polyvalent grouping fluid  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 1  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 2  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 3  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 4  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 5  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 6  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 7  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 8  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 9  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 10  
 1.0 ml polyvalent 12  
 1.0 ml Group B1 reagent  
 1.0 ml Bluetongue reagent  
 4 x 0.5 ml Dengue 1-4 set monoclonal antibodies  
 1.0 ml St. Louis Enc. (MSI-7) monoclonal antibody  
 1.0 ml Western Eq. Enc. (McMillan) monoclonal antibody

6/26/85 3 yeast cultures *Candida* sp.  
 (etiologic)  
 College of Medicine

Dr. Mohammed S. Khider  
 University of Baghdad

Department of  
 Microbiology  
 Baghdad, Iraq

3/10/86 1 vial Botulinum Toxoid # A-2  
 (non-infectious)

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 M.B.CH.B.D.F.H.  
 Officers City Al-Muthanna  
 Quartret 710  
 Street 13, Close 69,  
 House 28/I  
 Baghdad, Iraq

4/21/86 1 vial Botulinum Toxoid  
 (non-infectious)

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7/21/88 teaching supplies  
 (non-infectious)  
 CDC procedure manuals  
 Zikak 54, House 97

Dr. Faqid Alfarhood  
 Mehela 887

Hay Aljihad  
 Kerk, Baghdad, Iraq

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11/28/89 5.0 ml Enterococcus faecalis  
5.0 ml Enterococcus faecium  
5.0 ml Enterococcus avium  
5.0 ml Enterococcus raffinosus  
5.0 ml Enterococcus gallinarum  
5.0 ml Enterococcus durans  
5.0 ml Enterococcus hirae  
5.0 ml Streptococcus bovis  
(etiologic)

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College of Science  
Department of Biology  
Basrah, Iraq

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