

Memorandum for Record

Subject: Quote about Bruce Ivins in 5 August 2008 Wall Street Journal.

I was called by Elizabeth Williamson on Monday 4 August 2008. She had identified herself as having worked at the Frederick News Post but now works at the Wall Street Journal.

As she had seen the article in Monday's News-Post that resulted from my having sent in a letter to the editor about an article I read on Sunday, she asked me if I knew about what Bruce did about his concerns about the contractor and how specimens were passed in through the pass box.

At the time this conversation with Bruce Ivins occurred I was in the Diagnostics Systems Division [DSD] where John Ezzell works and COL Henchal (who was being groomed to be commander) was division chief.

Shortly before my conversation with Bruce outside the room where John Ezzell opened the Daschle and Leahy letters, I had been verbally assaulted by COL Henchal because I had addressed concerns about what John Ezzell's staff had done in the clinical laboratory microbiology lab.

At the time I was the Director of the Clin Lab which was a branch of DSD. Dr. Ezzell's staff had put some unidentified cultures in our clinical microbiology incubator that is used only for human clinical specimens.

His people did this without first communicating with my microbiologist. We shared this space with Dr. Ezzell who had automated microbiology diagnostic equipment on the other side of the laboratory. According to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments he was specifically not to use any of the equipment or space on our side of the laboratory as it was fully committed to diagnostic specimens and to do so risked contamination of patient samples.

Further, this comingling of specimens would jeopardize our accreditation under the College of American Pathologists.

Following my questioning of Dr. Ezzell several of his staff ran into room 410 and took the unidentified cultures out of the incubator and ran out. This frightened my microbiologist who called me right away.

When I again questioned Dr. Ezzell about this COL Henchal interrupted and verbally assaulted me in front of a witness. His rage was quite frightening. I know I should have reported this assault, but I didn't because I knew MG Martinez Lopez the MRMC commander was grooming COL Henchal to be the

USAMRIID Commander and supported him fully. I assumed it would be the end of my career and not his if I made charges of assault.

I have never learned what organisms were in the microbial cultures that Dr. Ezzell's staff put in our clinical incubator.

Needless to say, when Bruce told me about having swabbed the contractor's desk area and the wall by the pass box, he was talking about people who were also connected to COL Henchal through John Ezzell. Further, he assured me that he had successfully decontaminated the area so I kept his secret. With regard to the official investigation, no one asked me and I didn't even know it had been conducted until it was over.

Swabbing office environmental structures to ascertain microbial contamination was not an uncommon activity for Bruce Ivins as I recently learned through conversation with one of his close associates. He told me that Bruce regularly swabbed several water sources in his area, the drinking fountain, the water faucet and the Reverse Osmosis [RO] water tap to determine which one was the cleanest. He determined that the RO water yielded the least microbial colonies so that is where he got the water for his beverages. This kind of behavior indicates to me that what he did with regard to concerns about his office mate or the pass through box reflected his normal vigilance for biological contamination and not an activity aimed at erasing guilt as alleged by the FBI.

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