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[In 2001, had cellular to cannot recall as it has changed since switched Telephone calls from reflect calls from and October, 2001.	residence should in September	7	
	has had one personal email accound but claims does not keep any old email same email address since regularly deleted email from USAMRATION does not maintain any reshredding them to avoid identity theft.	il. has had the also D desktop computer.		

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USAMRIID had a good command climate in 2001. stated the command is still good, but there is some adjustment dealing with different styles of management.
noted that the company command is rotational and the commander changes approximately every two years.
Before 9/11 and the anthrax attacks, described the environment at USAMRIID as much easier because there was not as much security in place. security measures added since 9/11 include cameras in the suites and hallways, x-ray and random checks of bags, and the guards now carry weapons. added that they can no longer take any paper out of the hot suites, they have to sign off on the air locks and passbox, and a fingerprint reader in addition to a PIN are required for entry to the suites. more scrutiny on employees, noting that background checks must be complete before a person can enter the suites. Prior to the 2001 attacks, believed that the background checks only need to have been initiated, and not necessarily complete, for someone to gain access to the suites. Characteristic described the Personal Reliability Program (PRP) as a new addition since the events of 2001 and something where "they are checking up on you." As part of the PRP, employees's finances and family are scrutinized and any problems can keep someone out of the suites.
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not aware of any other persons who have been denied access to the suites under the PRP. Outside of the program, there are no incidents or behavior that stood out toafter 9/11 and the anthrax attacks.
described colleagues generally as being in shock after the anthrax letters were discovered. work with anthrax daily, and was shocked that someone would commit this kind of act.
Interviewing agents advised that it was now known to investigators that the material used in the 2001

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attacks came from USAMRIID. stressed that USAMRIID does not produce weapons to harm anyone, only to design countermeasures. The letters were contrary to what they work for at USAMRIID. According to, it never occurred to that the anthrax came from USAMRIID.
added that the anthrax in the letters was in powder form, and not everyone knows how to create such a powder. believes only a few people know how to make a powder, but could not provide any names. does not know about anyone working with dry B. anthracis or any simulants such as B. thuringiensis or B. globigii. emphasized that in understanding, it was too dangerous to work with powders.
theorized that the anthrax used in the attacks could have been produced at USAMRIID, but sent to another person or facility, and that they were responsible for the mailings. stated that USAMRIID "had people from all over" referring to scientists who visit the facility. further explained that what the scientists do is very common, adding to theory that someone outside of USAMRIID was responsible for the 2001 attacks. stated that the fact that the powder was identified as Ames did not change the atmosphere at USAMRIID.
Some investigative work with the powder used in the 2001 attacks was done by
described several incidents where had become alarmed at what perceived as careless or reckless procedures used by other researchers.

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	A lyophilizer is located in the area, taking up	b b
	stated that does not know who would have used it or how to use it	
	Attachment. which included but did not recognize the document. Although could not recall receiving any instructions on how to prepare the slants, stated that any time a sample was to be taken from any liquid solution, would "vortex" the solution, and the sample should be taken right after "vortexing." This was to ensure the sample reflected the appropriate spore concentration and would capture any mutations or differences within the spores. also stated that this type of procedure was very basic and common knowledge in field, and that did not need to be instructed to utilize this procedure.	k k k
	repeatedly commented on the changes at USAMRIID that had been brought about by the anthrax attacks and the subsequent FBI investigation. stated that the staff at USAMRIID knew it would change their way of life. Most people have passion and respect for their work at USAMRIID, and blames the investigation for holding up and interrupting that work.	
	According to the military command is the primary source for guidance and information regarding the ongoing investigation and USAMRIID's role in it holds "town hall" meetings every so often to brief the personnel and ensure everyone has an opportunity to ask questions to the leadership regarding ongoing issues and events. Additionally, it allows the leadership an opportunity to tell personnel what is expected from them.	l l
	Outside of the briefings from will sometimes "hear stuff" but could not elaborate on the kinds of information hears.	

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lose their jobs because USAMRIID would be shut down. Other vague references provided by were to the job, that they could not work or do their jobs because of the attacks and subsequent investigation. described USAMRIID as changing fast after the attacks.
denied hearing any rumors about the investigation itself, except that the case will never be solved. stated is "waiting for an apology" when the case is solved and the mailer is someone not affiliated with USAMRIID. reiterated expectation of an apology several times over the course of the interview.
was not aware of any problems with vaccine development and stated no one was under any pressure to develop a new vaccine. pointed out that USAMRIID does not actually produce the vaccines and believes problems with the old anthrax vaccine resulted from the production process. believes there are too many outside factors to place any blame on the vaccine itself, so none of the researchers feel any responsibility for problems associated with the vaccine. BRUCE IVINS may have felt more strongly about problems with the vaccine because "that's how he is." described IVINS as a "unique individual" who is very passionate about his work. IVINS was further described by as strange but fun-loving. IVINS writes music and sings all the time, and tries to dance. IVINS is "really cheap." is not aware of any care package IVINS prepared
was shown a memorandum authored by dated September 27, 2002. The memorandum is an accounting of BRUCE IVINS entering the hot suite without an escort on September 27, 2002. The memorandum states that IVINS claimed did not show up on time and that IVINS had entered the suite to see if had already entered. The memorandum also stated that IVINS stayed in the suite alone for 15 minutes, which IVINS explained as waiting for
did state that IVINS is dedicated to his work and may have

279A-WF-222936 Continuation of FD-302 of _ , On <u>02/05/2007</u> , Page ____7 entered to take readings of time sensitive spore preps. explained that before 9/11, personnel could enter the hot suites unescorted, but after 9/11 and prior to the installation of cameras in the hot suites, personnel were required to use the "buddy system" when entering the suites. Division was described generally by as a close, social group. | denied that there was any division among employees along the lines of job title, race, gender, or any other personally identifying characteristics. Division employees regularly socialize with each other or participate together in outside interests such as sports teams. stated that any occasion to "eat, drink, and be merry would bring members of the Division together. Approximately two to three times a year, was group that would get together to go out drinking. was part of a The group included and TVINS denied anv knowledge of "Thirsty Thursdays" or other regular gathering of Division employees. could only recall one person who had problems getting along with others in the Division, could not provide any specific information about <u>issues at USAM</u>RIID, but stated worked in was very unhappy, although does not know why, recalling only that denied that had problems with anyone in the Division, although admitted seeing get mad "a couple of times." witnessed cursing and saw kick a desk one time, but never saw or heard of physically or verbally assaulting anyone. claimed everyone else in the Division gets along. does not know of any nicknames used in reference Division employees. thought the name "King Badger" sounded like a name IVINS used in

279A-WF-222936-Continuation of FD-302 of ,On <u>02/05/2007</u>, Page _ 8_ reference to someone else, but claimed | had never heard the does not know of anyone referred to as stated that and IVINS knew each other outside of USAMRIID. No one interacts with has exhibited any differences in behavior. Additionally, no one to ____ knowledge has been drinking excessively or exhibited any other habits that are out of the ordinary. are out of the ordinary. again stated that the staff is frustrated by the procedural and security changes that have been implemented since 9/11 and the anthrax attacks. claimed it was not unusual for employees to work late at night or over the weekend. The work that might require such hours could include preparing for a big challenge to start on Monday morning, so the preparation would begin on Friday and require someone to come in over the weekend so everything would be ready on Monday morning. In experience, weekend work usually only takes about one hour. Occasionally, someone may get called in if a freezer alarm goes off. observed that in the past there had been construction in the building and the freezer alarms went off frequently. Historically, only has to work one or two weekends a year. was asked to review a set of charts which depicted Division employees' access to the <u>hot suites on septemb</u>er 12, 2001 through October 8, 2001.

did not review each page, but was asked generally about

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the late evening and weekend hours worked by IVINS. not observe anything unusual about IVINS's hours, but

not offer an explanation as to what kind of work would have

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reiterated that it was experience that such off hours work only took one hour to complete. opinion, IVINS, and would have the knowledge required to commit the anthrax attacks or would know where to get the necessary material. denied the possibility of being involved because additional comments regarding never worked with but stated, however, is very "knowledgeable." And although claimed was someone who had the knowledge to commit the anthrax attacks or obtain the necessary material, later stated was not sure if worked with anthrax, but thought did. and others joke about what According to does not have any issues with anyone. In response to questions about additional specific individuals, had the following comments: had a good work ethic. worked for IVINS when was at USAMRIID. is a "gossiper," stated there are certain things you don't tell[aware had problems with IVINS and but does not know what those problems were. came to the Division from and was described by as a good person. was referred to as $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{L}}$ who also described as a good person. was unsure if worked with anthrax. never worked with but thought used to have a lab in used to work for

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[worked in the Division.
	never worked with whom referred to as "one of the ancients." perdeived that had a lot of clout at USAMRIID.
	does not recall ever seeing in the lab, and believes works in in
	did not know the name
	was not aware of anyone who kept track of Members of Congress or the issues before Congress. was asked to review a document containing a list of Congressmen, separated by party affiliation, and listing the Congressmen's positions on issues related to anthrax vaccine development. denied ever seeing the list or anything similar, and did not know of anyone who would keep such a list.
	According to, no one has had to respond to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and is not aware of any FOIA requests made of USAMRIID.
	Computers at USAMRIID are switched out every three years, including those computers in the hot suites. There is one computer in the office shared by hot suite users that believes one person should hold the hand receipt for. does not know who currently holds the receipt for that shared computer, but it could be anyone. is also aware of computers in offices. believes all computers were recently swapped out. When computers are swapped out, it is understanding that they are decontaminated when removed and the hard drive is destroyed before the old computer is turned in to the warehouse. USAMRIID's computer services (BIMD, commonly referred to as the Help Desk) asks the hand receipt holder what should be migrated over to the new computer before the old one is destroyed.
	All documents reviewed by and the original Non-Disclosure Agreement signed by are enclosed in a 1A with the notes of this interview.

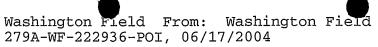
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security account number Army Medical Research Institute In the course of employment to, knowledge of, and experience (B.a.).	date of birth social is employed at the United States of Infectious Diseases (USAMRITD). with USAMRITD, has had access working with Bacillus anthracis	b6 b7C
Division, a position	ition at USAMRIID is in the on which has held since	
was not certain (B.a.) Ames used by however thought obtained the sample from BRUCE I	where the Bacillus anthracis was obtained from, probably VINS.	
Leahy, Brokaw, or New York Post aware that research group perevidentiary material contained in	r worked with the Daschle, letters or envelopes. was erformed some analysis on the in the letters, and thought e of the Leahy letter material.	

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A review of financial records was
unremarkable and revealed no connections to New Jersey.
advised that does not know
A time-line of activities for the likely time periods of the mailing of the anthrax-laced letters from Princeton, New Jersey was compiled using USAMRIID security key card access records, telephone call records, credit card use, and statements made by The time-line focused on any six hour period for which would be unaccounted, with the premise that it takes six hours to drive round trip from Frederick, Maryland to Princeton, New Jersey.
Time-line First Mailing (5:00 pm, 09/17/2001 through 8:00 pm, 09/18/2001)
A review of USAMRIID security key card access records for indicated the following: entered Building at and exited at and exited at on and entered Building at and exited at on another exited at on
A review of financial records for through provided no further information about whereabouts on these dates.
Records for the telephone number at the residence indicated the following:
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advised that was at work at USAMRIID on and Time-line Second Mailing (3:00pm, 10/06/2001 through 11:00 am, 10/09/2001)
A review of USAMRIID security key card access records for indicated the following: entered Building at and exited at on There are no key card access records for on

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A review of financial records for through provided no further information about whereabouts on these dates.	b6 b7С
Records for the telephone number at the residence	
indicated the following:	
had no recollection or record of activities for the time frame in question. advised that	
was interviewed by investigators on	
and and was cooperative with investigators on both occasions.	
was given a polygraph examination on which targeted any knowledge of, or involvement in, the anthrax mailings. The report of the polygraph examiner stated that there was no deception indicated by during the polygraph examination. A discreet handwriting exemplar was submitted for with negative results.	
Investigation has revealed no direct, testimonial, or circumstantial evidence which indicates that was involved in the preparation or mailing of the anthrax-laced letters.	
Based upon the above, the investigation regarding is considered complete. Unless information is obtained to suggest that was involved in the mailing of the anthrax-laced letters, no further investigation of is intended.	

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On June 2, 2006, date of birth home address of	,
was interviewed at place	
of employment, the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), 1425 Porter Street, Fort Detrick,	
Maryland, telephone After being advised of the	
identity of the agents and the purpose of the interview, provided the following information:	
since confirmed that has been employed at USAMRIID in the Division as	
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Bacillus anthracis (Ba). primarily works with	
As in prior interviews,	
could not recall the specific types of Ba strains worked with and indicated that	
in the suites, rooms and research is conducted	
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reiterated that has worked for during entire employment at USAMRIID.	
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and indicated that got	
along fine with has not maintained contact with after left USAMRIID. recalled that	
BRUCE IVINS had some kind of personal connection between each	
other outside of work and thought it might have something to do with their Catholoscism beliefs. advised that	
IVINS's relationship was not romantic and that was not aware of	
any romantic relationships existing between co-workers at USAMRIID. The Pricipal Investigators (PIs) was most familiar with were	
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, BRUCE IVINS, They were all part of	
described the working relationships with co-workers as very positive and enjoyable enjoyed job and had a lot of fun with co-workers. explained that IVINS, at times, was a prankster and enjoyed playing an occasional joke on	
did not have anything negative to say about any of co-workers and reiterated that it has been a pleasure working at USAMRIID.	
went on to explain that security measures in Building at USAMRIID have increased significantly since 2001.	b6 b7C b7F
described the autoclave process as one in which materials needing be autoclaved are left in the autoclave to be autoclaved at the end of the day or autoclaved by the individual depositing them before going home that same day.	

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On April 13, 2007,	b6 b7
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telephone number and	
was interviewed at Fort/Detrick, Maryland. After	
being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the	
nature of the interview, provided the following	
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<u>had recently</u> received a to appear	
before a with regard to this investigation.	1
Interviewing agents explained the process and what	b b
would be required of	þ
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was asked to locate any email or other documents	
which would account for whereabouts during September and	
October 2001.	
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to pecome overly stressed about finding documentation from 2001,	
replied, "Don't worry - I'm not."	$\sim \times$
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claimed there were no social divisions within	\times_{λ}
the Division, and reminded investigators had	(61)
stated this previously. then acknowledged that "there	\bigcirc _
may be but doesn't "divide" or "group"	jb (
Safety is	b.
only issue with people, and has not seen other people treat	~
anyone differently.	
stated because they work at a military	
installation with a majority of civilians, the military people	
feel like the minority believes it should be reaffirmed	
to the civilian employees that this is a military installation.	
It is the mission of USAMRIID to conduct research for the war	
fighter, but the military's first mission is to be combat ready,	
while the civilian employees are more focused on their research	
proposals. Civilians don't understand the combat ready mission	
and complain about the training the military must attend.	
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	are paid more than those employed mon for technicians to quit the as a contract employee.
between groups within the everyone works together. Despin maintained was not aware of other people in the Division. In the remembered with several people and did not	anyone who had problems with When asked specifically about d that had problems
was not allowed in the hot work with any hazardous material	suites and was not allowed to
upset about their funding prior members work together to fund the employed. There are always ongo	ber any of the researchers being to 9/11, and stated the Division heir salaries and keep everyone oing concerns that money will be another, as in the aftermath of mother Divisions to fund the
the thinks it is fair, although	current funding process through stated hears the "normal" complaints. e to "act out" because they did ed.
According to felt like outcasts after 9/11, provided to the same of the same o	Division employees partly because of the results of

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Division. was aware that IVINS did not normally conduct such swabbings, and as a result of IVINS's actions and the results, an AR15-6 investigation was initiated by the Army.	
With regard to other contamination incidents, also recalled a water leak in 1999 inside a hot suite and a sea on the door broke.]
described "drastic changes" at USAMRIID after 9/11, but mentioned only the addition of armed guards as an example. claimed these changes caused Division personne to look for other jobs.	L
complained about the Personnel Reliability Program (PRP), which requires participation from anyone who works in a hot suite to disclose personal information that may affect their safety and the safety of those working in the suites.	
believes the PRP is	Ĵ
too personal.	<u></u>
mentioned as another person who may have had issues with the PRP.	
Although repeatedly denied being aware of any rumors or talk of the ongoing investigation into the 2001 anthrax attacks, when asked specifically about responded heard a rumor would be the number one prime suspect. There also "may have	
been a rumor" that	<u> </u>
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was not aware of any issues between and IVINS. advised that could probably expound on any situation between and IVINS. is also not aware of any problems between and	

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