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Dear Ron,

I talked with Commander Bob Tuffol (sp?) on the phone today. He has a leadership role in Chem/Bio Consequence Management for the Atlantic Command.

He spoke with me about the importance of the geographical area that Admiral Gamon (his superior) is in charge of. Because Adm. Gamon is in charge of the entire Atlantic theatre, he has the responsibility to support the civil authorities in the US. By virtue of the fact that Adm. Gamon has 80% of the forces under his command, he has a tremendous responsibility to provide support for the other geographical areas as well. His primary responsibilities are to prevent weapons of mass destruction from being used on foreign soil, but he must also provide support to friendly foreign nations that are subject to attack.

I gave Bob Tofol an overview of our research capabilities at Texas Tech (as well as our collaboration with UT), and told him of our interests in solving problems for the military. I told him about our facilities at Reese AFB, and the secure and unique environment that we have here for training. He seemed very interested in the perspective that we have on the problem, and the depth of interdisciplinary expertise and experience. As with Adm. Reason, he was interested in the technical support that we could provide in the event of an actual event. Therefore, we should keep him updated on the virtual reality training, modeling capabilities, and outcome related to our countermeasures initiative.

He informed me that they are just now forming a "Joint Task Force for Civil Support", and that he would make sure that the Trans-Texas consortium would be considered for participation. Participants in the task force will be decided by October 1st. I thanked him for representing our interests in this matter.

Bob Tofol informed me that he is not long in his present position. Therefore, Jerry O'Reagon (sp?) should be our next point of contact. However, Tofol said that Jerry will be briefed on our research, training, and operational capabilities in Texas. Overall, it was a useful discussion.

Thanks, Lynn

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