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On behalf of the Secretary - major conflict.

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• Welcome - appreciation.

• 13th meeting of the Council on Pub. Hlth. Preparedness -

When charter first began to be drafted - late Sept / early Oct.

Secretary intended for the Council to be convened by early in the New Year.

→ But then came anthrax and the recognition of need for more resources

(and the flurry of activity in review of needs with the Exec. Office & Congress)

→ Decision of the Secretary to create an office of PHP and to give authority to bring together the disparate array of initiatives throughout the Dept.

~~Spending money will be a big job for you more than~~ (more about the labor)

→ Nothing is quite complicated as creating a new office on a part of govt. ^{time} personnel / space / equipment, etc.

→ At the time of the Council's creation, I was spending part-time as D.C.

~~and~~ and the logic of my serving as Chairman

→ 1 Nov. - I became full-time +, in this office, that meant 100+ hrs./week. ^(for all my stuff)

Finally, at end May, ~~the~~ the Secretary agreed ~~that~~ that I cut back to a part-time role again - perhaps 75% or 75 hrs.

I offer this as explanation of why the delay in convening all of you. - ^{not} from lack of interest, simply lack of time (more delay with respect to further meetings and the creation of special working groups)

• Let me pre-empt ^a ^{which} questions ^{smaller} I'm sure all of you have - and that is the status of the decision about future vaccination plans. ~~possible options~~ ^{possible options} continue to be discussed

~~It is~~ It is a difficult call as we will discuss in much greater detail.

There exists a real threat - if that there is no question - quantifying that risk and, indeed, anticipating what scenarios might ensue should smallpox be introduced is difficult — there are a range of views. But providing the vaccine also entails a risk, as you will hear. There is no vaccine in use today which is associated with the risks posed by this one. ~~ACIP~~ The ACIP has recommended what it would advise from the a.p.h. perspective, assuming the risk is very low. Further discussions can be held with Hospital directors and

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state authority, is regarding the logistics of implementing various policies and a number of possible approaches ~~are under active study~~ ^{you will hear more of this}. Meanwhile, the Secretary is consulting widely within government ~~and~~ ^{and} we will, of course, be obtaining your views. However, no announcement is planned for this meeting nor can I offer a guess as to when ~~the~~ ^a decision will be reached.

ORDER

- Introduction of members.
- ~~What about further~~ Thompson
- Swearing in

- A second question which, I know, is uppermost in the minds of many is the ^{possible future} ~~relationship which~~ ~~the activities are~~ ~~public health preparation~~ of the Department's public health preparedness activities, including those of the Council, to a new Dept. of Homeland Security. As you know, this is under active discussion in the Congress and for us to ~~reply~~ ^{address} this matter would not be appropriate at this time.

First - a word about ~~the program~~ ~~the materials~~ and the program

MATERIALS

- We recognize that some of you are very knowledgeable about both the work that ~~the Dept. has~~ ^{the Dept. has} been engaged in both work, I know, have only a partial familiarity with the science, the issues and the background.
- A considerable literature has been produced - more than you could possibly begin to digest. Accordingly, we ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~highly selective~~ decided to provide you a selected number of relevant papers. These are organized more or less to correspond with the program. HANDOUTS of POWER PT. PAGES. The Book - published ~~the~~ ^{last week} - WORKING GROUP papers and others which represent key basic reference documents.

PROGRAM

Designed to provide you a broad overview of a program which this year has a \$3 billion budget. There are a myriad number of ~~activities~~ initiatives, policy issues and challenges. Thus, the first meeting is partly one of orientation.

We begin ^{this PM} with the cooperative programs with state and local jurisdictions - this alone being well over \$1 billion.

Tomorrow morning - we will discuss the research and development agenda which includes the development and production of new spy vaccine, IVIG, and a second generation anthrax vaccine.

This will be followed by presentations relating to what do we do should anthrax or smallpox, for example be released.

Finally, a discussion of the issues related to smallpox vaccination before an outbreak might occur.

PUBLIC COMMENT - THIS AFTERNOON

SPERMORE

Scheduled for varying periods from 10-20 minutes allowing what we hope will be ~~substant~~ substantial time for questions.
LIGHT.

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Role and responsibilities of Council

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