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Dear Ken,

Below appears the text of two emails I sent earlier. A third email—one I forwarded from Caree—is also part of this 3-fax.

Dan

Ken,

You have been granted permission to visit the BSL4 facilities at Ft. Detrick and speak to their staff about what it is like to work there. Specifically, this is what might be available to you:

1. They have a BSL4 patient care suite that you can enter. It is used for emergency care if someone is exposed to a dangerous virus. Fortunately, no one is in there now. Inside you can see the suit, showers, air lines, etc. up close. Though different from a research BSL4 lab in other respects, all these components are the same.
2. One of their BSL4 research labs is due to be maintained shortly. If your visit coincides with this decommissioning, you will probably be granted permission to visit inside it.
3. Another of the BSL4 research labs has a window. You would be able to watch the scientists work through this window. (However, Sandy Ellis indicated in a earlier message that it is not so easy to see through this window. You might want to ask Caree about this when you call).
4. You might be allowed to don one of the suits and see what it is like inside
5. You would be able to talk with several of their staff about life inside the lab, etc.

To set all this up please call the public affairs officer, Caree Vander-Linden at 301-619-2285. She will be available today between 1:00 to 3:00 Eastern Standard Time, out of the office on Friday, and in the office again on Monday. If you call her immediately today and get her answering machine, I would suggest NOT leaving her a message and waiting

for a call back. Who knows if they have a problem making international calls. Better to call again and find her in.

Best,

Dan

Ken,

I've just forwarded a message from Caree about the paperwork required for a British citizen, plus the need for a medical clearance from your physician. If you did not receive that message, you'll need to take up these issues with her.

George Korch is close to finishing his comments and I expect to forward them over the next few days. George used to be the head of the virology department at Ft. Detrick. I'm sure he would give you suggestions regarding how best to take advantage of your tour since he knows your specific research needs. He might also make suggestions as to who at the lab would be most attentive and talkative in case you are allowed to request an interview with someone specifically. You can contact him at: [skorch1@comcast.net](mailto:skorch1@comcast.net)

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**From:** "Daniel Starer" <dstarer@researchforwriters.com>  
**To:** "Ken Follett" <kenprivate@ken-follett.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 9:19 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: quick question

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Vander-Linden, Caree L Ms USAMRIID  
**To:** 'dstarer@researchforwriters.com'  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 9:12 AM  
**Subject:** quick question

Dan-I wanted to double check something-is Mr. Follett a British citizen? There's some extra paperwork involved for visitors who are not U.S. citizens. We have time to get it rolling-just want to ask the question now so we can avoid a snag later on.

There also may be a need for him to bring a medical clearance from his physician in order to do the suit training. I'll know more about this soon.

Thanks-Caree