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Jim:  
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Best regards,  
Tony

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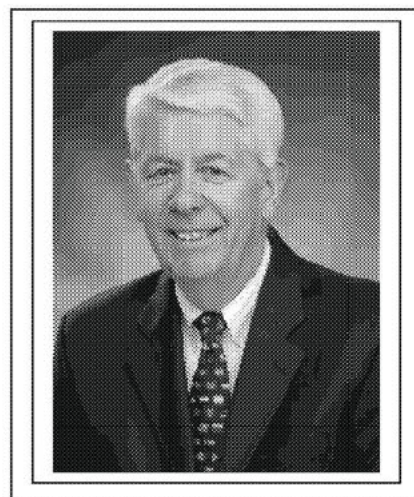
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**Jim Le Duc, Ph.D.** is a distinguished leader in the field of emerging infectious diseases and a globally recognized expert in biocontainment laboratory safety and management, biodefense and global health. He has maintained an active research career for over four decades. He recently retired after more than a decade as the director of the Galveston National Laboratory (2010-2021) at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, USA. The GNL is one of only two maximum biocontainment laboratories on an academic campus and has been leading novel and translational research on emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and medical countermeasures since opening in 2008. He has been a Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at UTMB since 2006. He is a member of the Texas Task Force for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response (2014-date), former member of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (2014-2021), a member of the WHO International Health Regulations Review Committee for the COVID-19 pandemic, and a member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Board of Scientific Counselors, among other leadership activities. His career included work at the CDC (1992-2006) where he was the Influenza Coordinator (2005-2006), the Director, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases (2000-2005) and the Associate Director for Global Health (1996-2000) in the CDC National Center for Infectious Diseases. As a CDC secondee to the World Health Organization, he oversaw global activities in arboviruses and viral hemorrhagic fevers (1992-1996) and wrote World Health Assembly resolution WHA48.13 calling for a WHO program to address emerging infectious diseases. He also co-authored resolution WHA48.7 that began the process to revise the International Health Regulations. He held leadership positions during a 23-year career as an officer in the U.S. Army Medical Department (1969-1992). He began his professional career as a field biologist working for the Smithsonian Institution African Mammal Project in West Africa (1967-1969). He is a native of southern California and completed his graduate training at UCLA.

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Beautiful. Thanks very much.

Best wishes. Jim

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> Loyce:

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> Best regards,

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