

OPEN LETTER

** To the American President George Bush Junior, CBI, FBI, the Congress and the Senate of the United States, WHO and Washington Post.*

** The President's health and treatment may be crucial to the world – in both a positive and a negative way.*

** Who is right – WASHINGTON POST from August 9, 2007, when it wrote: "Bush Apparently Had Lyme Disease", or ATANAS TSONKOV, medical consultant at Lechitel newspaper, who warned, as early as November 30, 2005, in a personal letter to George Bush, that he, the President, suffers from a chronic Lyme infection?*

BUSH APPARENTLY HAD LYME DISEASE

PRESIDENT WAS TREATED FOR RASH IN 2006

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President Bush was treated a year ago for what appears to have been Lyme disease, the White House said yesterday in disclosing the results of his annual physical exam.

A report of the president's recent medical examination said his case had "complete resolution" and was "without recurrence" since being treated last August. The illness, an infection carried by deer ticks that is prevalent in the Northeastern United States, had not been previously revealed.

While untreated Lyme disease can cause arthritis, an abnormal heart rhythm and problems with the nervous system, those complications usually can be prevented by taking antibiotics at an early stage of the infection. The medical record did not describe the details of the president's therapy.

Up to 15 percent of people treated for Lyme disease later complain of symptoms such as fatigue and muscle pain. Whether that is a consequence of the infection is uncertain and a matter of controversy. Chronic pain and tiredness are extremely common in adults; whether people who have had Lyme disease suffer from those problems in higher numbers is unknown.

"I wouldn't expect any problem at all for the president," said Gary Wormser, chief of infectious diseases at New York Medical College and an expert on Lyme disease. "He won't be impacted by this infection in the future."

Lyme disease, named after the town in Connecticut where the first cases were identified in the 1970s, causes a rash that is often its sole manifestation. Classically it is a large reddish oval with a lighter-colored center and is often described as looking like a target.

White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said Bush found a rash on the front of his lower left leg and alerted White House physicians.

While the Lyme organism *Borrelia burgdorferi* can sometimes be isolated in the skin or bloodstream - and antibodies to it can also eventually be detected in the blood - laboratory testing is often not done. That is because a person with a typical rash and a history of outdoor activity will be treated for the disease, regardless of what the tests show.

Without such tests, however, it is impossible to rule out a Lyme disease look-alike called STARI as the cause of the president's illness last summer.

STARI stands for "Southern tick-associated rash illness." It also causes a target-like rash and is associated with a tick bite, but the causative organism has not been found.

STARI is common in Texas. The lone star tick is the species that transmits it. There are no documented cases of Lyme disease in the president's home state, where he spent much of last August on vacation.

"If he got it in Texas, it was undoubtedly STARI," Wormser said.

Stanzel said yesterday that he does not know when Bush's condition was diagnosed. The interval between tick bite and rash appearance in Lyme disease can be as long as 30 days. The president could have been infected

with the Lyme organism in the Washington area, with the rash appearing after he left.

STARI seems to be a milder infection than Lyme disease. There is no specific test for it. It is diagnosed primarily if a patient has a Lyme-like rash and a tick bite, but no Lyme organisms or antibodies.

People with STARI almost always take the same antibiotics that are prescribed for Lyme disease. The rash goes away with treatment, as do the flu-like symptoms that sometimes accompany it.

Wormser said it is not known whether treatment of STARI is necessary. There appear to be no long-term consequences of either treated or untreated infection, he added.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

First of all, please, excuse me for my being forced to discuss publicly your health status. There are a few facts and circumstances that make me do so.

1. I turned initially to the U.S. Ministry of Health, so that I can attract the attention of specialists to the unsolved global problems, related to Lyme infection.

I offered your experts a joint work, but instead the Ministry's officials tried to take advantage of the secrets of my diagnostic and therapeutic methods (see facsimiles 1 and 2 from September 21, 2005).

I was shocked. Then I asked for help His Excellency John Beyerle, U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria (facsimile 3 from October 13, 2005)

I was greatly disappointed when he told me to turn to the American Ministry of Health...

I had no choice but to write to you personally. I did that on November 30, 2005 (facsimile 4). No answer followed, I don't know why...?!

After the publication in *Washington Post* from August 9, 2007, I feel obliged to start a public discussion both on your personal health and on some health and crucial problems of all people on Earth.

2. The banal truth that personal health is not and could not be only a personal affair is much more applicable when that person is Head of state.
3. I was also encouraged by the democratic American tradition, with you and President Ronald Reagan being its best manifestation. What I have in mind is the fact that you both didn't hesitate to inform society about the prophylactic and medical measures, connected with your personal health. Such transparency, as we all know, is unthinkable and impossible in a totalitarian or authoritarian (underdeveloped) society.
4. Why am I writing to you now, since we have all been informed about the positive conclusions from your prophylactic and diagnostic colonoscopy, and since the cited copy of *Washington Post* informed us about your ordeals, connected with your eventual suffering from Lyme disease?

In fact the article, published in this respected newspaper, misinforms its large public. I don't think, though, that this is a mistake of the editorial staff or the author David Brown. This disinformation comes from the medical experts who have diagnosed and treated you.

Both diagnosis and treatment are made nonprofessionally, wrongly, badly.

As I have warned you in a personal letter (Maybe you'll be curious to know why it hasn't reached you?) as early as November 30, 2005,

YOU SUFFER FROM A CHRONIC LYME DISEASE!

Here is the full text of the letter:

Dear Mr. President,

Judging by the information I have, I made the conclusion that you have serious health problems.

I am convinced this is the case, regardless of the fact that you may feel well and your physicians find no reasons to worry.

I am aware of the fact that in the summer the U.S. government has discussed the issue of granting another 100 million dollars for creating a reliable diagnostic method and effective therapy of Lyme disease.

The USA and Bulgaria are among the countries with the greatest number of people infected with Lyme borreliosis. I take the liberty to say that Lyme infection (and more than 127 diseases caused by it, including Parkinson, Alzheimer, fibromialgia, chronic tiredness syndrome, diabetes, asthma, arthritis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, stroke, etc.) is in fact the greatest health problem on our planet!

I would also like to inform you that, as of this year, I am the owner of the most reliable method of detecting CHRONIC Lyme disease, more reliable than all known tests (Elisa, PCR, Western-blot, etc.), put together.

I would gladly demonstrate the reliability and effectiveness of this method with regard to your still unrealized and unidentified health problems. I am sure that if you don't take the necessary measures, you will become incurably disabled.

There is no need for you to travel to Bulgaria for this test – or for me to come to the USA. All you need is to fill in my Symptomatic test which I can send to you. And make some laboratory tests which I'll specify.

I can assure you that if you accept my offer, you'll not only take the most important step towards strengthening your health, but also help solve the greatest health problem of mankind, a problem that even experts are unaware of.

I guarantee you discretion and absolute harmlessness, both with diagnosing and treatment. The therapy will be carried out only with the help of licensed food supplements from the USA, Finland and South Africa, already applied, following my own original scheme, to hundreds of patients.

I wish you health and success!

Best regards,

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November 30, 2005*

I'll ignore this letter for a moment, to go back to

THE PUBLICATION IN WASHINGTON POST

It literary overflows with the incompetence and lack of responsibility which characterize the statements of Professor Gary Wormser, who is even called “an expert on Lyme disease”.

The complex method for optimal diagnosing of Lyme disease which I created and which has been applied successfully to more than 2000 people from all over the world, enabled me to both diagnose you unmistakably and correctly as early as 2005 - judging only by the sporadic data in the press on your health condition (I never ever met a suggestion about possible or probable Lyme infection!) - and now point out some of Professor Wormser’s dangerous mistakes.

Here I will comment only on some of the professor’s assertions, which are irrelevant, false and harmful both to you and to every reader of *Washington Post* and every potential or actual patient.

First. Actually, professor Wormser never ever mentioned when you had noticed the rash on your leg and whether and when you had been tested and what method had been applied – Elisa (IgG and IgM), Western blot?

This only proves that you have been treated haphazardly, carelessly, symptomatically. In a primitive, inadmissible and inadequate way and this is happening in the 21st century!

Second. The detection of a red blot is neither the only, nor the definite symptomatic proof of the presence of Lyme disease, and (according to my estimations) over 70 or 90% of the people infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi* don’t manifest this symptom.

Third. Although the “red target” appears, if at all, around the 10th to 30th day after the infection, the rash may appear even 2 to 5 years later...

Fourth. Since diagnosing is undoubtedly a decisive stage in every illness and its treatment, I’ll point out two facts.

It was in June 2005, just as I was working on my complex method, including two tests (SIT standing for Symptomatic Integral Test, and LIT standing for Laboratory Indirect Test for optimal diagnosing of dozens of illnesses and in the first place the chronic Lyme disease) that the Health Commissions in the U.S. Congress and Senate adopted unanimously “a law project of granting additional 100 million dollars for a reliable diagnostic test of Lyme disease.”

It is true that the existing standard diagnostic tests of Lyme disease are American (Elisa, CRP, Western blot) and they do a wonderful job during the second and third month after the infection.

Fifth. At one of the Balkan Medical Weeks (*September 28, 2006, Varna*) I made a report, entitled “Why Lyme Disease Is the Greatest Health

Problem of Mankind?” There, for the first time, I informed the audience that while the three existing standard tests (put together or separately) “catch” only 1 or 2% of the cases of chronic Lyme disease, my complex diagnostic method detects over 90 % of these cases!

Sixth. It must be said that in fact every *Borrelia burgdorferi* infection, regardless of whether the infected person has taken antibiotics or not, in a few month or years becomes a chronic Lyme disease. This is why I would like to comment on Professor Wormser’s words about the prognosis of your health in the future: “I wouldn’t expect any problem at all for the president... He won’t be impacted by this infection in the future.”

Such a frivolous and optimistic statement can be made only by a person, who doesn’t know the nature of Lyme disease and doesn’t want to admit his professional helplessness in this case.

You were impacted by this infection before your physicians found out about it and you are still infected, though your doctors have allegedly cured you. And, of course, it should be kept in mind that this type of infection that may not be manifested for some time!

If your assistants show some more zeal in tracking down the truth, they will inevitably come to the more competent and honest statement, already made by other authors, also American experts on Lyme disease. I will cite from memory a publication of theirs in the American press: “So far chronic Lyme disease is curable, as well as primary – with antibiotics. The only difference is that the antibiotic treatment of chronic Lyme disease continues for one or two years. The usual result is that patients die of kidney failure caused by the antibiotics, and Lyme disease remains intact.”

Seventh. I am amazed that such a small article as “Bush Apparently Had Lyme Disease” is full of so many false statements, produced by medical experts!

For example: “While the untreated Lyme disease may cause arthritis, an abnormal heart rhythm and problems with the nervous system, these complications can usually be prevented by taking antibiotics at an early stage of the infection.” This is true only partly, so partly that it doesn’t deserve any attention at all.

In fact the antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease at its early stage can neither cure the patient nor prevent him from the complications mentioned in the citation, and this is also true for hundreds of other heavy consequences.

**ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT CREATES ONLY AN ILLUSION THAT
THE INFECTED PERSON IS CURED!**

The powerful, adequate and timely antibiotic therapy works at symptomatic level, it, this therapy, only creates an illusion that the infected person is cured! The following months and years show mercilessly (if the physician in charge is prone to following competently his patient, he will see it) that this illness reminds of itself, and now not as a “Lyme disease” (because the useless laboratory tests almost always produce a false negative result!), but already as Lyme neuroborreliosis or, say, Lyme arthritis. I proved the existence and introduced in the medical literature newer and more accurate, etiologically based diagnoses: Lyme carditis (endocarditis, pericarditis, and myocarditis), Lyme thyroiditis, Lyme otitis, Lyme conjunctivitis, Lyme myositis, Lyme myelitis, Lyme encephalitis, Lyme meningitis, Lyme bronchitis, Lyme spondylitis, Lyme neuritis, Lyme cystitis, Lyme endometritis...

I have many similar patients, including American citizens, who, after having visited a number of leading clinics and famous physicians, come to me with an unclear diagnosis and incurable sufferings – a vivid illustration of the above said.

These and/or other serious complications, even resulting from a primary Lyme infection treated with antibiotics, comprise not only 15 % of the patients, but all with the bad luck to be infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

In fact, I have a concrete project for a new scheme of taking antibiotics by those infected with the bacteria, and would be glad to cooperate fully and gratuitously with any serious medical establishment!

Eighth. Juggling with STARI diagnosis (Southern disease with rash, transmitted by ticks), instead of making things clearer, actually make them more confusing, Mr. President.

The mentioning even of “Texas” lone star tick doesn’t help at all in clarifying and specifying your diagnosis, since a tick can only be a transmitter and not a cause for this infection.

Your last year infection, if we assume it was really caused last summer, cannot be explained only by lone star tick, because according to a research, made by American scientists in Texas, 22 % of all mosquitoes transmit Lyme infection to people and animals. What’s more, doctors may, if they haven’t made the necessary blood analyses, mistake your infection for other infections, sometimes accompanying *Borrelia burgdorferi* and transmitted mostly by ticks: ehrlichiosis, babesiosis, bartonellosis...

Ninth. It is obvious your medical experts don’t know and don’t suspect that Lyme disease is not transmitted only through tick bites, but also in other, over 30 ways, 15 of them discovered by me...

Tenth. About the symptoms of the Lyme borreliosis.

In the specialized medical literature are mentioned 50 or 60 symptoms.

A few American experts, real and not fake, have described around 300 symptoms.

In my manuscripts I have described 800 possible clinical symptoms of Lyme disease... Only in the unique Symptomatic test there are 180 symptoms, 20 of them are most informative and can provisionally be called specific. Only a few of them were enough for me to diagnose you categorically and accurately, though from a distance, with chronic Lyme disease. Judging by only 3 or 4 symptoms, I have diagnosed successfully over 80 people with chronic Lyme borreliosis...

You may have been reinfected with Bb in 2006, but you were certainly infected a long time ago, and probably – many times. This can be clarified and it would be good for your health, if you agree to be diagnosed by me.

Eleventh. Please, if this letter reaches you, unlike the first one, note that:

According to a renowned woman expert in microbiology, who has been examining *Borrelia burgdorferi* for over 60 years, “each of us is infected with Bb” – she wrote to me recently. I don’t agree with her completely, but my own research shows that she is probably right.

Another American expert and my humble self, separately, have reached the conclusion (based on thousands of cases) that in the whole world so far there are no two patients suffering from Lyme disease, who have absolutely identical clinical symptoms!

The better we get to know Lyme disease, the more fundamental and practical (diagnostic and therapeutic) problems of medicine will yield before human lust for more knowledge and more health. By the way, health without knowledge is in fact illness, but this is a topic of another discussion.

**I RECOMMEND YOU TO EXAMINE YOURSELF AND BE
OPTIMALLY DIAGNOSED, SO THAT YOU CAN BE OPTIMALLY
TREATED!**

In conclusion to my detailed letter I would like to tell you that if you pay attention to my words and want to go through some tests and be diagnosed optimally (this can be made only if my two tests SIT and LIT are added to your already performed tests and examinations), so that you can

be optimally cured (I have my own patents for diagnosis and treatment), at least three positive effects will be achieved.

1. This will affect more positively your health than all your therapies up to now.

2. You will get the objective picture of your real health problems, because obviously it's not your borreliosis we are talking about, but the lack of etiologic diagnosing and respectively treatment of your parents and your brothers and sisters!

3. This will prevent you from Ronald Regan's terrible illness, because I have good reason for claiming I know the main causes of Alzheimer, unknown to conventional medicine.

4. The adequate care for your health will prevent you from having a sudden and unexplainable stroke or heart attack, or neurological and psychic collapse while you perform your responsible presidential duties, and, to a certain extent, the fates of over six billion people are in your hands.

5. If you accept my offer, this will set a wonderful example and you will contribute as no one else for a positive change in the medical science and practice and for a better treatment of millions of patients, suffering and dying of such "incurable" diseases as diabetes (all three types), cardiovascular problems, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid polyarthritis, gout, Parkinson's syndrome, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), schizophrenia, depressions, sight, hearing and/or thyroid gland problems, a number of oncologic diseases – for example Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin, different types of leukemia, the syndrome of chronic tiredness...

6. I would like to inform you that even in an inappropriately long letter like this, one cannot point out all essential problems concerning your health and that of all our contemporaries.

I'll give more details in my two books to be published soon (unfortunately only in Bulgarian!): 1) *THE SECRETS OF LYME DISEASE OR THE NECESSARY REVOLUTION IN MEDICINE* and 2) *THE NEW MEDICAL PARADIGM*.

I also offer a new chance to the pharmaceutical industry, which is in need of strategic projects, adequate to the real health problems of people.

And there is another equally important issue - the possible use of the specific and actually not enough studied Lyme disease, as well as the prion (the mad cow disease – Kreuzfeld Jakobs) and other ominous bacterial infections by terrorists in the future. The disaster would be catastrophic and

irreversible, global, but I think this is not the place for me to comment on these risks.

In the end I would like to wish you to enjoy your rest, and more health, success and peace! And – of course – since you, as far as I know, are resting in your home state – beware both of Texas ticks and Texas mosquitoes!

Best regards,

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P.S. At the end of all my letters I point out that my consultations are free for all. This includes you and your family.