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**Request for Information (RFI)**

Title of request: Ebola within a bioterrorism context  
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**Query:**

From phone conversation: [REDACTED] guidance on the feasibility and potential impact of a non-state actor (NSA) exploiting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa for bioterrorism.

**Executive Summary:**

We have considered [REDACTED] scenarios that broadly encompass the spectrum of NSA capabilities with regard to exploiting Ebola for bioterrorism. These scenarios are not Intelligence driven; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSA Threat Assessments are provided by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC). Threats to UK deployed forces are provided by Defence Intelligence (DI). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Scenario 1:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Scenario 2:** [REDACTED]

This scenario would be both logistically and technically challenging for a non-state group to undertake. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Clearly there are practical issues involved with such a scenario that of themselves are often not insurmountable but taken together, add enormously to the complexity of successfully undertaking this attack:

[REDACTED]

**Scenario 3:** [REDACTED]

This scenario constitutes the most technically challenging of the scenarios considered here [REDACTED]

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