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From: Yu, Alan K
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Subject: RE: Italian Meds for Katrina -- houston, we've got a problem...

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All—

I spoke to a Washington FDA official. He thought our request was reasonable, but will need to check on what FDA personnel remain in Little Rock and ensure his higher-ups are okay (he didn't anticipate problems). He will tell me tomorrow.

On who pays to dispose: he thought it would be FEMA -- possession is 9/10ths..... We're not there yet, though; we need to get the FDA inspection above and then take it up with the Italians.

Let me know when we plan to do this, so I can get my annual leave request in.
Alan

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i think "crisis situation, second hurricane, etc." sounds reasonable enough (barely). and definitely come clean, rather than try to conceal -- never works.

From: Allegrone, Kathleen H
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Alan tells me that FDA officials believe the Italian meds are totally unusable -- by ngos or others. they were exposed to the elements and heat; even the gauze etc wouldn't be worth it.

alan is going to go back to be sure someone really eye-balled the stuff. he's also going to check on disposal (and who pays -- dhs, whatever...)

then, i think (and alan agrees) that we need to come clean with the italians; tell them we blew it; deeply appreciate and regret handling of this; and let them know about disposal.

the flip side is just to dispose of it and not come clean. i'm willing to be persuaded, but...

Thoughts?

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