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FBI Archives Nov 16: *A letter addressed to Senator Patrick Leahy found in the sequestered Congressional mail .. has been opened by **experts** at the Army's Ft. Detrick, Maryland, biomedical research laboratory. The envelope contained a quantity of a substance believed to be anthrax, based on testing conducted before the envelope was opened, and appears to be consistent with that found in the letter sent to Senator Daschle.*

*While the two letters appear to be virtually identical, **science** will continue to **drive this** analysis and **investigation**. (A) number of **sophisticated scientific** and forensic examinations have been initiated. **Investigators** are hopeful that the results of those tests — expected in the coming days and weeks — will yield clues which will bring us closer to identifying who is responsible for the anthrax attacks.**

Tom Ridge, Oct 17. 2001: *Bioterrorism is the **No. 1 priority** this week and for weeks ahead.*

NYT, Oct 01: *Americans were frightened. They **flocked** to doctors' offices and hospitals **demanding** to be **tested** for anthrax, even though in the overwhelming number of cases there was no evidence that they had been exposed to the germ.*

*The run on the antibiotic **Cipro** was so great that Bayer, the German company that makes it, said it would triple production, though even that might not be enough to meet demand.*

NEW YORK (CNN) Oct 21: *A letter found by police in the mailroom of the New York Post newspaper has tested positive for anthrax, and has the same postmark as anthrax-laced [letters](#) sent to Sen. Tom Daschle and NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw, an FBI official said Saturday.*

Special Agent Joe Valiquette said the unopened letter was found Friday night in the course of the investigation at the Post, after Johanna Huden ([case 1](#)), an editorial page assistant, was diagnosed with cutaneous (skin) anthrax. He said a granular substance was felt by agents through the envelope.