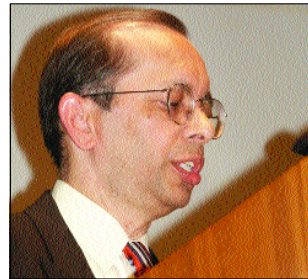


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*where the Academy has been active for some time. The anthrax scare of last fall illustrates our vulnerabilities and underscores the need for planning and preparedness. We hope that this brief monograph will play a role in that direction.”*

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