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my research notes on the medical politics driving the "Lyme Wars"

**Part 31:**  
**History of 'Mystery Island' bio-warfare tick research**

Plum Island Animal Disease Center, according to Wikipedia, "is located on Plum Island, off the northeast coast of Long Island in New York state. During the Spanish-American War, the island was purchased by the government for the construction of Fort Terry, which was later deactivated after World War II and then reactivated in 1952 for the Army Chemical Corps.

"Building 257 located at Fort Terry was completed around 1911. Fort Terry went through a period of activations and deactivations through World War II until the U.S. Army Chemical Corps took over the facility in 1952 for use in anti-animal biological warfare (BW) research. The conversion of Fort Terry to a BW facility required the remodeling of Building 257 and other structures."

Wikipedia states: "During the Cold War a secret biological weapons program targeting livestock was conducted at the site."

"The original public 'mission statement' of Plum Island was," as this wikipedia entry states with citations: "to establish and pursue a program of research and development of certain anti-animal (BW) agents. By August 1954 animals occupied holding areas at Plum Island and research was ongoing within Building 257."

Wikipedia concluded: "The bio-weapons research at Building 257 and Fort Terry was shrouded in aura of mystery and secrecy. The existence of biological warfare experiments on Plum Island was denied for several decades by the U.S. government. In 1993 Newsday unearthed documents proving otherwise."

Michael Christopher Carroll spent seven years researching that specific building, and he published his work in a book by the same name, "Lab 257." (Hardcover, William Morrow: 2004; paperback, Harper: 2005.)

Carroll was a senior vice president and general counsel at the Medallion Financial Corporation in Manhattan.

Carroll stated that his published work in Lab 57 is, "the byproduct of scores of interviews and innumerable official documents, some of which came courtesy of the Freedom of Information Act. Others actually came from Plum Island itself. The island's management initially cooperated--they granted me exclusive, unprecedented access to Plum Island. The story benefited greatly from those personal visits.

"After the sixth visit I was abruptly shut down and denied further access by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the grounds of 'national security.' When they realized that

I was going to tell the truth about Plum Island, and not the saccharine stuff they were feeding me, the government pulled the plug.” (Harpercollins.com)

*Next: Former Nazi germ warfare scientist ‘developed idea to build Plum Island’*