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- In mid-1996, Iraq decided to establish mobile BW research laboratories to evade UNSCOM inspections, according to [redacted] an Iraqi defector who is tied to the anti-Saddam Iraqi National Congress.

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Baghdad also can produce and research BW agents at fixed dual-use facilities that provide cover. [redacted] agents may have been tested at a facility near western Iraq's Al Qadisiyah Reservoir [redacted]

- The Amiriyah Serum and Vaccine Institute near Baghdad [redacted] has expanded [redacted] storage capacity and increased its activity [redacted]

[redacted] was the site for quality testing of BW agents produced on the transportable production units [redacted]

- Iraq is operating a castor oil plant [redacted] at Habbaniyah [redacted] Castor oil has civilian applications, but the bean pulp byproduct easily could be used to make the BW agent ricin.

- [redacted] the Daura Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine facility may have been renovated and become operational [redacted] Because the facility produced botulinum toxin and probably the agent that causes anthrax before the Gulf war, UNSCOM put cement and foam in its air-handling equipment and destroyed equipment associated with botulinum toxin production, but other research and production equipment was left in place. [redacted]

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### Iraq: Expanding BW Capabilities [redacted]

*We have indications, some tenuous, [redacted] that Iraq is researching, producing, testing, and weaponizing BW agents for possible use [redacted]*

Baghdad also appears to be trying to [redacted] develop delivery systems able to spread BW agent over a wide area, but we have no definitive information on the types of weapons, agents, or stockpiles available.

— If our assessment is accurate, Iraq now could deliver BW agents against US troops and interests in the Middle East or elsewhere using missiles, rockets, artillery, unmanned aerial vehicles, aircraft with spray tanks [redacted]

*There are indications that Baghdad is producing the causative agent of anthrax, botulinum toxin, and ricin, all of which were declared to UNSCOM as part of Iraq's former BW program.*

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Iraq is pursuing mobile BW options, probably to protect this capability from US strikes. Baghdad has transportable production facilities for BW agents and may have other mobile units to research these agents and fill them into munitions or containers [redacted]

— Iraq in 1999 had seven transportable BW agent production units, according to an Iraqi defector deemed credible by the Intelligence Community. He says six are on trucks and one is on a group of railcars.

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