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To: The Chairman of the Civil
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Date: January 28, 1970

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- ☐ Draft reply for:
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☐ Undersigned's signature.
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REMARKS:

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To: The President

From: Dr. Louis Lasagna, Div. of Clinical Pharmacology, The Johns Hopkins School
Date: 1/22/70 of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins Hosp., Baltimore, Md. 21205

Subject: To serve as a faculty member with the World Health Organization for two weeks
in March; refuses to be fingerprinted and to fill out lengthy forms; says this
security regulation is outdated and asks that it be revoked.

—By direction of the President: ☒

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To: The Secretary of State

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To: The President

From: Robert A. Weinerman, Hartford, Connecticut

Date: 3/4/70

Subject: Expresses hope Govt of US will help take steps required to protect citizens and bring measure of sanity back to world in re recent explosion Swissjet airliner; his brother and sister-in-law passengers on trip sponsored World Health Org.

By direction of the President:

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Dear Mac:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your informal report following your attendance at the 23rd Assembly of the World Health Organization.

I am dashing this note off to you just prior to our departure for St. Louis and then San Clemente. I hope I'll have the pleasure of seeing you soon, either in California or here in Washington.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rose

Rose Mary Woods
Secretary to the President

Dr. Malcolm C. ~~x~~Todd
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JUNE 11, 1970

MISS ROSEMARY WOODS
THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR ROSE:

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH I AM SENDING YOU AN INFORMAL REPORT OF MY VISITATION TO THE 23RD ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ASKED THAT I SEND THEM MY THOUGHTS AND ALSO RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH I SHALL ALSO SUBMIT TO BRYCE.

I THOUGHT THE WHO ASSEMBLY WAS INTERESTING AND WORTHWHILE. WHILE THE UNITED STATES FOOTS 30.9% OF THE \$73,320,000 BUDGET FOR 1971, I BELIEVE IT WOULD COST 3-4 TIMES THIS IF WE DID ALL THAT IS EXPECTED OF US BUT HAD TO DO IT OUTSIDE THE WHO.

WELL ROSE, YOU MUST ADMIT I THOUGHT OF YOU IN GENEVA AND I HOPE YOU RECEIVED MY CARD. ON MY NEXT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, I TRUST THAT I CAN SEE YOU. I AM SURE YOU KNOW THAT I WANT TO HELP THE PRESIDENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION IN ANY WAY I CAN.

I AM HEADING THE STATE WIDE PHYSICIAN'S COMMITTEE FOR MURPHY, AS I DID FOR NIXON-AGNEW IN 1968. MURPHY WILL HAVE A ROUGH GO, BECAUSE OF "KENNEDY" MONEY AND EASTERN LIBERAL ASSISTANCE.

BOB'S DEPARTURE IS UNFORTUNATE BUT HE CAN BE OF TREMENDOUS ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT. I BELIEVE ELLIOT RICHARDSON IS AN OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR. I HOPE HE RECOMMENDS SPLITTING UP HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THEN MAKES APPOINTMENTS OF GOOD SPECIALIZED MEN IN THE RESPECTIVE FIELDS. -- JUST A THOUGHT.

WITH ALL MY BEST.

CORDIALLY,



MALCOLM C. TODD, M.D., F.A.C.S.

MCT/JM

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION--1970

MALCOLM C. TODD, M.D.

MEMBER U.S. DELEGATION -- 23RD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

CAN YOU CONCEIVE OF THE MONUMENTAL TASK OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TO A NATION OF 600 MILLION PEOPLE -- AS IN INDIA? OR, CAN ANY ONE IN THIS AUDIENCE RATIONALIZE THE THINKING AS TO WHY A SOPHISTICATED NATION SHOULD ESTABLISH A DUO-PIPE SYSTEM OF WATER SUPPLY -- ONE FOR DRINKING PURPOSES, AND ONE FOR TOILET, GARDENS AND AUTO WASHING?

SUCH WERE JUST TWO PROVOCATIONS REPRESENTING THE CONCERN OF THE 131 MEMBER NATIONS ATTENDING THE 23RD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN GENEVA THIS PAST WEEK WHERE I WAS PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION.

TO THE INQUISITIVE LET ME SAY THE WHO IS AN INDEPENDENT, SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE U.N. IS GOVERNED BY THE U.N.'S CHARTER AND THE WHO'S CONSTITUTION DRAWN UP IN 1946 WITH AGREEMENTS COVERING FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WHO WAS ACCEPTED ON APRIL 7, 1948 BY THE U.N. THE GOVERNING BODY IS THE ASSEMBLY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF DELEGATES FROM MEMBER NATIONS WITH ONE VOTE PER NATION. IT IS THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION THAT THE MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONS EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, AND COLLABORATE IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WHO DEFINES HEALTH AS A STATE OF COMPLETE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL WELL BEING, AND NOT MERELY THE ABSENCE OF DISEASE OR INFIRMITY; AND THEREFORE IT INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE CONVENTIONAL FIELD OF HEALTH CARE, BUT ALSO MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING, NUTRITION, ECONOMIC AND WORKING CONDITIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL TECHNIQUES AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH. LET US ADMIT THAT THIS IS AN IDEAL AND NOT NECESSARILY A TRUISM.

THE WHO'S CONSTITUTION LIKE MANY OTHER SOCIO-POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IS INDEED LIBERAL IN ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES. ITS CHARACTER ASSOCIATION WITH THE ULTRA-LIBERAL SCHOLARS HAS GIVEN IT A PREJUDICIAL SLANT. ONE CANNOT HELP BUT BE A BIT CYNICAL WHEN SUCH NAMES AS CHARLES WINSLOW OF YALE, MILTON ROEMER, BROCK CHISHOLM, THE VETERAN COMMUNIST ERNEST BOAS, AND THE PHYSICIANS FORUM WERE ASSOCIATED WITH WHO.

SO IT WAS WITH THIS BACKGROUND, AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHO'S FIRST DIRECTOR-GENERAL, BROCK CHISHOLM, A ONEWORLDER, THAT I WENT TO THE 23RD ASSEMBLY OF THE WHO.

THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THIS 23RD ASSEMBLY CONSISTED OF 15 MEN -- THE CHIEF DELEGATE BEING SURGEON GENERAL OF THE USPH SERVICE, DR. JESSIE STEINFELD. MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND HEW'S PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FILLED THE DELEGATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S SECTOR, WHILE THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS REPRESENTED BY MR. ROBERT ROCK OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURES ASSOCIATION, DR. WILLIAM WALSH OF PROJECT HOPE, REPRESENTING VOLUNTARY HEALTH AGENCIES, AND MYSELF REPRESENTING THE PRIVATE PRACTITIONER AND THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE WORKINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY WAS DIVIDED INTO PLENEARY SESSIONS, TECHNICAL ASSEMBLIES AND THREE COMMITTEES. MY CONCERNS WERE CHIEFLY IN THE TECHNICAL GROUPS, AND THE COMMITTEE HAVING TO DO WITH NUMEROUS SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THE PRIVATE PRACTITIONER. THE COMMITTEE INVOLVED WITH BUDGET AND FINANCE WAS OF LITTLE INTEREST TO ME EXCEPT THAT THE APPROVED 1971 BUDGET CALLS FOR AN EXPENDITURE OF \$73,320,000 OF WHICH THE U.S. CONTRIBUTES 30.9%, THE USSR 13.8%, GERMANY 6.5%, GREAT BRITAIN 5.9%, FRANCE AND ON DOWN WITH LESSER AMOUNTS. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT EACH NATION HAS ONE VOTE WHETHER IT BE THE U.S. FOOTING ONE THIRD OF THE BILL, OR ZAMBIA OR YEMEN GIVING .04%. YES YEMEN AND SOUTH YEMEN FOR EXAMPLE CAN OUT VOTE THE U.S. 2 TO 1.

IT BECAME APPARENT DURING THE CONVENTION THAT WHO IS NOT ACTUALLY CONCERNED WITH PROBLEMS THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES CAN SOLVE WITH THEIR OWN RESOURCES. IT

DEALS RATHER WITH PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE SATISFACTORILY SOLVED ONLY THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES -- FOR EXAMPLE AIR POLLUTION AND WATER CONTAMINATION, SMOKING, AND DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG REACTIONS, AS WELL AS THE ERADICATION AND CONTROL OF MALARIA, YELLOW FEVER, SMALL POX AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, CANCER AND CARDIO-VASCULAR ILLNESSES.

PROGRESS TOWARDS BETTER HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ALSO DEMANDS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR EXAMPLE SETTING UP INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES, FOR PESTICIDES; COMPILATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PHARMACOPOEIA; DEVELOPING AND ADMINISTERING INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; UPDATING THE INTERNATIONAL LIST OF CAUSES OF DEATH; SECURING AND DISSEMINATION EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND PROMOTING EXCHANGES OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE.

CERTAINLY THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IS WORLD WIDE. TO THOSE AUTHORITIES IN BUREAUCRACIES OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AND WHO DELIGHT IN QUOTING THE U.S. AS 1ST AMONG NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN INFANT MORTALITY RATES -- LET THEM BE SURE OF THE FACTS, FOR EXAMPLE IN SWEDEN BIRTHS ARE RECORDED UP TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE, LET US ESTABLISH THE SAME GROUND RULES FOR RECORDING, AND ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

THE HEALTH ASPECTS OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE ON CIVILIAN POPULATION; THE POTENTIAL USE OF THESE ELEMENTS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE WHO AS A MAJOR STUDY. NUTRITION, NURSING, MENTAL HEALTH, DENTAL HEALTH, OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF PARAMEDICAL HEALTH PERSONNEL WERE ALL SUBJECTS OF EVEN GREATER CONCERN TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE WORLD, THAN EVEN HERE IN THE U.S. ITSELF.

THE SUBJECT OF HEALTH PERSONNEL PROMPTED ME TO INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS

ON MANPOWER. IT ILLUSTRATES THE PROBLEMS IN OUR ATTEMPTS AT RESOLUTION,
AND HOW WE MAY HELP OTHER NATIONS.

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS THE MEDICAL LITERATURE HAS BEEN FILLED WITH
ARTICLES CITING STATISTICS ON THE SHORTAGES IN HEALTH MANPOWER. IN 1900 THERE
WAS ONE ALLIED HEALTH WORKER FOR EACH PHYSICIAN IN THE U.S. IN 1965 THE RATION
WAS 1 TO 10 AND TODAY, THERE ARE 13 ALLIED WORKERS FOR EACH PHYSICIAN.

ACCORDING TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEW'S STATISTICS, IN 1965 THESE WORKERS
FALL INTO 268 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERED NEARLY THREE MILLION WORKING IN
HEALTH RELATED FIELDS. THE HEALTH SERVICES INDUSTRY WAS THE THIRD LARGEST IN
THE U.S. AND IT MAY RANK FIRST DURING THE NEXT DECADE IF THE DEMAND FOR HEALTH
SERVICES CONTINUE AS PREDICTED.

THE EVER EXPANDING DEMAND FOR HEALTH SERVICES ATTRIBUTABLE TO POPULATION
AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES, AND RISING PUBLIC
EXPECTATION HAS RESULTED IN COMPOUNDING PROBLEMS OF MANPOWER.

TO MEET THE SHORTAGE AND POPULATION INCREASES IN THE U.S. WOULD REQUIRE
400,000 PHYSICIANS BY 1975. BUT REALISTICALLY UTILIZING THE OUTPUT OF DOCTORS
FROM U.S. MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND THE CONTINUING IMMIGRATION OF FOREIGN PHYSICIANS,
WE CAN ESTIMATE ONLY 360,000 BY 1975, AND THUS THE SHORTAGE. SERIOUS SHORTAGES
ARE ALSO REPORTED IN THE CURRENT SUPPLY OF DENTISTS, NURSES AND ALL OTHER ALLIED
HEALTH WORKERS. TODAY WE HAVE 95,000 DENTISTS AGAINST A NEED OF 137,000 BY 1975;
650,000 NURSES VERSUS A NEED OF ONE MILLION; 300,000 VERSUS 550,000 VOCATIONAL
NURSES; THERE ARE 120,000 PHARMACISTS AND WE WILL NEED 126,000 BY '75; 72,000
RADIOLOGY TECHNICIANS VERSUS A NEED OF 100,000 BY THAT TIME.

THE U.S. IS FULLY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD SHARE
IN THIS VITAL WEAKNESS -- LACK OF MANPOWER SO NECESSARY FOR QUALITY HEALTH CARE.
WE ARE TAKING STEPS IN OUR COUNTRY TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION, BUT IT WILL BE, AND
ACTUALLY IT MUST BE A SLOW AND CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE PROCESS. THE TRADITIONAL

MEANS OF MEETING HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGES HAS BEEN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN OUR SCHOOLS, BUT THIS MEASURE WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE PREDICTED SHORTAGES OF ONE MILLION ADDITIONAL HEALTH WORKERS BY 1975. THEREFORE A NEW TYPE OF PERSONNEL WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE.

DELEGATION OF SPECIFIC TASKS IS ONE WAY OF UTILIZING EXISTING MANPOWER EFFECTIVELY; IF NEW TYPES OF PERSONNEL ARE ESTABLISHED EVEN GREATER EFFICIENCY MAY BE ACHIEVED. MANY EXISTING POSITIONS COULD BE STAFFED BY PERSONNEL WITH LESS FORMAL TRAINING THAN IS NOW REQUIRED. ONE OF THE PROMISING CATEGORIES OF NEW PERSONNEL IS THE "PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT" WHO COULD BE TRAINED TO HANDLE ROUTINE DUTIES REQUIRING SOME MEDICAL SKILL AND WHICH TODAY TAKE UP MUCH OF THE DOCTOR'S TIME.

INCIDENTLY IN THE U.S. A GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM BEING CARRIED OUT AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. ANOTHER IS THE MEDEX PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THE STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. THEIR PROGRAM ENVISIONS 3-4 MONTHS OF INTENSIVE MEDICAL TRAINING FOR EX-CORPSMEN DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY DUTY, AND 12 MONTHS OF PRECEPTORSHIP WITH A PHYSICIAN. ANOTHER IS THE DISCHARGED CORPSMAN PROGRAM OF OUR SANTA CLARA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

FINALLY, SPECIALIZED CAREER PROGRAMS SUCH AS ORTHOPEDIC ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT SAN FRANCISCO PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER FUNDED BY A USPH GRANT AND SUPPORTED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY.

AND AGAIN, IN PEDIATRICS WHERE SHORTAGES OF PEDIATRICIANS ARE EVEN MORE ACUTE. AND BY 1980 THERE WILL BE AN ESTIMATED 76 MILLION CHILDREN IN THE U.S. HERE THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS HAS APPROVED THREE CATEGORIES OF ALLIED HEALTH PERSONNEL: 1. PEDIATRIC NURSE ASSOCIATE - A R.N. 2. PEDIATRIC OFFICE ASSISTANT-- 2 YEAR COLLEGE TRAINAGE AND SUPERVISED BY A PHYSICIAN. 3. PEDIATRIC AIDES -- AN

ON JOB TRAINED IN ROUTINE NON SKILLED TASKS AFTER COMPLETION OF A HIGHSCHOOL EDUCATION.

OUR AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S COUNCILS ON HEALTH MANPOWER AND MEDICAL EDUCATION ARE AT THIS VERY TIME DEVELOPING GUIDLINES FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN CONSULTATION WITH PROGRAM DIRECTORS.

IT IS TRUE THAT SOME R.N.'S FEEL THREATENED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW TYPE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; BUT NURSING AS A PROFESSION CONCERNED WITH DIRECT PATIENT CARE, AND THE NURSE IS MOST EFFICIENTLY USED AS A PHYSICIAN'S PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE RATHER THAN HIS ASSISTANT.

OUR FEELINGS IN THE U.S. ARE THAT IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THESE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WILL PRODUCE LARGE NUMBERS OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS BUT PERHAPS THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE! ULTIMATELY IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT IT WILL HELP RESOLVE HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGES, AND WITH OTHER COORDINATED EFFORTS PRODUCE A FRAMEWORK OF HEALTH CARE WITH TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION, AND RECRUITMENT THAT IS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO REFLECT THE CHANGING COMPOSITION, DEMANDS AND NEEDS OF SOCIETY.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE U.S. CAN THEREFORE BE OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN HELPING RESOLVE THE CRITICAL NEED OF HEALTH MANPOWER, AND TO ULTIMATELY STANDARDIZE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS OF THESE PERSONNEL.

THE MOST INTERESTING RESOLUTION TO ME AND I BELIEVE TO THE PRACTICING PHYSICIAN IN THE STATES WAS ONE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES INTRODUCED BY THE USSR, BULGARIA, CUBA, RUMANIA ETC. -- THE SOVIET BLOC.

THIS WAS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS PROFESSIONALLY, AND I ASSURE YOU THAT ONE CAN HAVE NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THEIR ABILITY, DIPLOMACY AND PERSUASIVENESS. THEY CAREFULLY ASSESS AND CALCULATE EVERY DETAIL, AND LET ME SAY "THEY DO THEIR HOMEWORK". A RUSSIAN IN HIS EARLY 40'S, D.D. VENEDIKTOV WAS THEIR CHIEF DELEGATE. THIS WAS HIS FOURTH ASSEMBLY AND HE DID COMMAND RESPECT. BUT YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ARGUED FAIRLY WELL ON THIS RE-

SOLUTION, DEMANDING AMENDMENTS AFTER AMENDMENTS WHICH ULTIMATELY REQUIRED FIVE DRAFTS.

SEMANTICS, CONNOTATION AND WORD USAGE MEANS SO MUCH IN INTERNATIONAL DEBATE. FOR EXAMPLE THE KEY WORD IN OUR CONFRONTATION WAS THE USE OF THE WORD "NATIONAL", "PUBLIC" IS ANOTHER. I ARGUED NATIONAL IN THE U.S., CONNOTATES FEDERAL OR GOVERNMENT AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. VENEDIKTOV ARGUED ONE SINGLE SYSTEM, AND THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PHYSICIAN IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN THE U.S.

ANOTHER PART OF THE RESOLUTION CALLED FOR UNIVERSITARIAN MEDICAL CARE FREE OF CHARGES SETTING UP CURATIVE AND PROPHYLACTIC ESTABLISHMENTS. THIS OF COURSE IS ONLY AN IDEAL AND IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT. SO THIS RESOLUTION ILLUSTRATES PURELY AND SIMPLY GOVERNMENT TELLING THE DOCTORS WHAT THEY MUST DO. THIS IS THE TREND, AND WHAT IS BEING DONE IN ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

FINALLY LET ME MENTION IN CLOSING TWO INTERESTING CONFRONTATIONS IN THE ASSEMBLY. THE EARLY DEBATE ON THE ADMISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, EAST GERMANY; AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. BOTH WERE FILLED WITH LOUD AND EMOTIONAL DEBATE, BUT ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE BECAUSE THE SOVIET BLOC KNEW WELL IN ADVANCE THAT EAST GERMANY WOULD NOT GET IN AS A MEMBER NATION. AND BOTH THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS SIMPLY WANTED TO USE THE ASSEMBLY AS A FORUM TO PROPAGANDIZE. NOTHING WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

SCIENTIFICALLY IT WAS OF INTEREST TO LEARN THE STATISTICS ON TOTAL WORLD WIDE DEATHS WHICH IS NOW 60,000,000 A YEAR. 30 MILLION ARE IN CHILDREN UNDER 15, AND ONE HALF OR 15,000,000 ARE DUE TO ENTEROCOLIC INFECTIONS OR MALNUTRITION.

A BRITISH REPORT OF HEPATITIS IN KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CASES AND WITH THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY WAS MOST NEWSWORTHY. NINE DEATHS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AT THEIR RENAL TRANSPLANT UNIT AT WESTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THESE UNITS IN GREAT BRITAIN ARE ATTENDING SOME 500 PATIENTS AND ANOTHER 500 PATIENTS ARE USING MACHINES IN THEIR HOMES.

AND FINALLY ALSO FROM THE U.R. WHERE MANY BABIES ARE DELIVERED BY MIDWIVES AND NURSES -- GERMAN MEASLES VIRUS IN THE AMNIOTIC FLUID AND THE FETUS CAN INFECT PREGNANT ATTENDING NURSES AND WOMEN DOCTORS.

CERTAINLY HEALTH AND DISEASE HAVE NO RESPECT FOR NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE WHO THAT PHYSICIANS AND SCIENTISTS CAN IN PART CONTROL OUR DESTINY. FOR SHARING IN ITS RESPONSIBILITY AS AN AGENCY OF THE U.N. THE WHO MUST FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION IN CARRYING ON IN RESPONSE TO THE U.N. TASK.

IN THE EYES OF U. THANT SECT-GENERAL THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS FAR FROM CLEAR WHEN HE SAID "I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME -- THAT MEMBERS OF THE U.N. HAVE PERHAPS 10 YEARS LEFT IN WHICH TO SUBORDINATE THEIR ANCIENT QUARRELS AND LAUNCH A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO CURB THE ARMS RACE, TO IMPROVE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, TO DEFUSE THE POPULATION EXPLOSION, AND SUPPLY MOMENTUM TO WORLD DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS". BUT "THE SOURCE OF WAR IS STILL WITH US -- THE ARMS RACE CONTINUES UNDER ITS OWN MOMENTUM -- HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING FLAGRENTLY VIOLATED IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD -- ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE MOON, WE OFTEN SHOW INCREDIBLE SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS, SELFISHNESS, COMPLACENCY AND INDIFFERENCE WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING THE GREAT CHALLENGES--- HERE ON EARTH".

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Further reply to
Senator Tower

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1970

Dear John: *G. Tower*

I'm writing in further reply to your letter of October 22, in which you ask about indications that the World Health Organization is considering the establishment of a new environmental monitoring and research center in the Houston area.

As I understand it, matters are in a very preliminary stage. There have been contacts between officials of WHO, the U. S. Government (the State Department and HEW), and various citizens of Houston.

Before any firm decision is reached, a number of things will have to be worked out. One of them is the relationship between the proposed monitoring and research center and the overall United Nations role in environmental matters which is to be discussed at an international conference in Stockholm in 1972. It is possible, for example, that the project might be encompassed in a U. N. environmental research institute. Other problems which will need to be addressed include financing, a work program, and privileges and immunities.

At this point, no decision-making structure has been formally established within the Administration. Elements of the State Department (the Bureau of International Organization Affairs and of International Scientific and Technological Affairs) and HEW (the Public Health Service and the Environmental Health Service) have so far been principally involved.

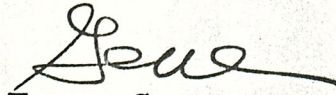
As matters develop, the White House will maintain an interest. And of course we are happy, as always, to have

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your thoughts on the subject.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eugene S. Cowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eugene S. Cowen
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable John G. Tower
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Washington, D. C. 20510

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Before any firm decision is reached, a number of things will have to be worked out. One of them is the relationship between the proposed monitoring and research center and the overall United Nations role in environmental matters which is to be discussed at an international conference in Stockholm in 1972. It is possible, for example, that the project might be encompassed in a U. N. environmental research institute. Other problems which will need to be addressed include financing, a work program, and privileges and immunities.

As this point, no decision-making structure has been formally established within the Administration. Elements of the State Department (the Bureaus of International Organization Affairs and of International Scientific and Technological Affairs) and HEW (the Public Health Service and the Environmental Health Service) have so far been principally involved.

As matters develop, the White House will maintain an interest. And of course we are happy, as always, to have

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your thoughts on the subject.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Eugene S. Cowen
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Melvin H. Levine:mm - NSC
November 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

(23219)

WASHINGTON

November 27, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR EUGENE COWEN

FROM: General Haig 

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Tower on WHO Research Center

Attached for your signature is a proposed final reply to Senator Tower's letter of October 22.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE (23219)
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: Marshall Wright 

SUBJECT: Letter to Senator Tower on support of WHO facility
in Houston

Senator Tower has written to Gene Cowen (Tab D) supporting the idea that a World Health Organization research center be established in Houston. The Senator also asks about the decision-making structure within the Administration on this project.

Mr. Cowen has written an interim response (Tab C).

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial the attached memo (Tab A) transmitting to Mr. Cowen a proposed further reply (Tab B).

Attachments

- Tab A - Suggested memo to Eugene Cowen.
- Tab B - A suggested response by Cowen to Senator Tower.
- Tab C - Eugene Cowen's previous response to Tower, October 28.
- Tab D - Letter to Cowen from Senator Tower, October 22.

October 28, 1970

Dear John:

I have received your letter inquiring about a report that the World Health Organization is contemplating a new facility for health and environmental monitoring and research, with a preference for location in the Houston area. I will be pleased to make inquiry to determine if discussions are underway within the Administration on this proposal.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

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Eugene S. Cowen
Special Assistant
to the President

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United States Senate
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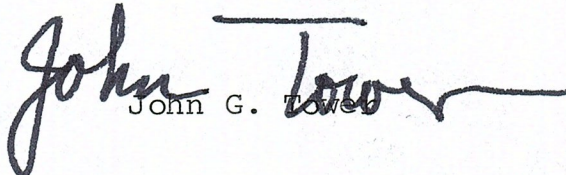
Mr. Gene Cowen
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gene:

It has come to my attention that the World Health Organization desires to establish a health and environment monitoring and research center in the United States, apparently with a preference for location in the Houston area because of the excellent hospital facilities and the availability of NASA communications and information systems.

In his speech to the United Nations on Friday, the President also apparently may comment on the desirability of such a center. I strongly endorse this proposal and urge the advantages of locating it in Houston. It would be helpful to know what the decision-making structure will be on this proposal among the White House-HEW-State personnel involved. If you could determine this for me, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,


John G. Tower

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