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Medical Director John F. Mahoney
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Staten Island 4, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Mahoney:

There is enclosed for your information the report sheet on the first 30 patients tested at the penitentiary. This morning we took bloods from 60 new patients including repeats for all the positive reactors of November 7. It may interest you to know that none of those showing positive reactions November 7 give a history of syphilis, while at least one gives a rare history of recurrent attacks of malaria. It is our plan to follow each positive reactor for a period of months with repeated serologic tests, physical examinations and other testing as necessary. We are meeting with whole-hearted cooperation in the prison.

In the morning I am leaving for the trip to the lowlands to aid in the preliminary Venereal disease survey for the Sanidad Pública and I am taking tubes enough to take a maximum of 300 samples for us. I am told that there will be much tropical diseases in the area into which we are going and that we can secure patients with many tropical diseases in the future if we will just go out and look for them so that we should be able to secure adequate specimens for testing cardiolipin, the material of Dr. Neurath, etc. Upon my return Dr. Spoto and I expect to begin a slow scale treatment program for early syphilis utilizing the soldiers. All men whom we treat will be kept in Guatemala City for at least one year so that we shall have very close follow-up. Both Dr. Spoto and I are anxious to get our testing and treatment program well under way before we start any prophylactic work.

Sincerely,

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Respectfully forwarded:

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