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Medical Director John F. Mahoney
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Dear Dr. Mahoney:

As you remember in the last letter that was written we told about the use of BAL to treat the wife of Dr. Tejeda for acute mercury poisoning. Since treatment she has shown a very dramatic improvement; seems that the drug may have been of some value. Mrs. Tejeda is still very edematous, has a low plasma protein, and has not responded to multiple plasma transfusions. Her physician thinks that she should have some parenteral amino acids, but it is impossible to obtain them here even through the Army. Both Dr. Spote and I think that it will be a very good move for us to give him the medicine if we can. While I do not have any literature available in the use of the amino acids I believe that the dose comes in terms of units of plasma protein, however, you might check with Dr. Richard Smith to see what the doses is. If it can be obtained through the hospital pharmacy could you send air express to this office a reasonable supply of the substance. I also remember reading that plasma albumin has been found serviceable for the reduction of edema, if any is available at the hospital you might send some along. I hope that it will be possible for you to obtain the amino acids, as it will help in cementing our relations with those with whom we shall work here.

Dr. Tejeda thoroughly enjoyed his visit with you at Staten Island and appreciated your attention. He is very much interested in our study and consequently we are counting on real cooperation from the Army.

Sincerely,

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S.A. Surgeon, USPHS

Respectfully forwarded:

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