December 21, 1946

Commanding Officer
U.S.A. Air Base
San José, Guatemala

Sir: Subject: Report of Serologic Test for Syphilis

On Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th, the Medical Technician at your Base took blood samples from food handlers. The report of the serologic test for syphilis performed on specimens number one to eight were all completely negative.

On the day before Dr. Henry Schoettner, from this office, had taken blood samples from twenty five of the men stationed at your Base; unfortunately when these samples were being centrifuged there was an accident so that all of the tubes were broken and all the identification marks were lost. Enough material was obtained from several tubes, although the tubes could not be identified to run tests, in two of these tubes a positive serologic test for syphilis was found. Equipment has been sent to your Medical Technician to take repeat samples from all of the men so that you may have all the information for your records.

Respectfully yours,

John C. Cutler
S.A. Surgeon, USPHS

Respectfully forwarded:

Joseph S. Spoto
Chief, Caribbean Sector