February 24, 1943

For File: Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases

Subject: Investigations of poliomyelitis, etc., in Egypt

1. On February 19, 1943, Colonel Sams replied to radio relative to Dr. Paul and Major Sabin. Paraphrase of secret radio AMSNE 4752, CM-IN No. 10305 (20 Feb 43).

   This states that sand fly fever is important problem. Colonel Sams requests sending over members of the Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases. (Colonel Sams does not make any reference to poliomyelitis and encephalitis.)

   In the last part of the radiogram Colonel Sams refers to his letter of January 11, 1943, about his request to have an Army Laboratory sent over and also experts to study infectious hepatitis.

2. Replied to this today (Feb. 23), after several consultations with Lt. Colonel E. S. Robinson, in secret message saying that War Department had not received official request for the Army Laboratory, but The Surgeon General had received Colonel Sams' letter of January 11, 1943. Experts to study infectious hepatitis will be included in the Army Laboratory when sent. Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases will be handled separately.

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