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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. W. F. Havens, Jr.

In the plans for your forthcoming trip to Japan, our Commission will be interested in the following:

1. To render first hand information to the newly established hepatitis center in Japan, giving them the benefit of experience gained in Germany.

2. To determine as far as possible what the epidemiology of hepatitis in Japan has been, with particular attention to its occurrence among individuals wounded in Korea and whether or not irradiated plasma has been given them.

3. To investigate as to whether leptospirosis is present and perhaps some cases of jaundice may be due to that agent.

We have been grateful for Dr. Watson's communication in which he has documented the interests of the Commission on Liver Disease and endorses item 2 (above) in particular, as well as emphasizing the need for a number of clinical studies.

From the standpoint of items other than hepatitis in which our Commission would be interested, the following have been listed:

i) Consultation with Col. Hullinghorst.

ii) Consultation with Gen. Sams, particularly re policy of publication of Okayama experiment.

iii) Contact with Dr. Grant Taylor, ABCS.

iv) If it is possible to make any observations on the status of typhus and control methods currently in use in Korea, we would be interested in hearing of same.

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