MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Butazolidin, toxic properties of

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, meeting in executive session on 22 May 1964, concurred in the recommendation of the Commission on Rickettsial Diseases

THAT CAREFUL ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE TOXIC PROPERTIES OF BUTAZOLIDIN BEFORE HUMAN TRIALS ARE UNDERTAKEN FOR EVALUATION AS A LOUSE CONTROL AGENT.

Butazolidin is a known toxic drug. Based on current knowledge, gained from clinical experience with the drug, it seems highly questionable that the potential properties as a louse control agent, and the need for an agent of this kind in the face of other available measures, would outweigh the potential toxic hazards. It may be that some less toxic derivative could be developed which would retain the desired anti-louse properties.

FOR THE ARMED FORCES EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BOARD:

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