16 December 1947.

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Dear Albert:

I have just received your memorandum to Dr. Paul and myself dated December 10. Thank you very much for the letter from Doctor Kitaoka. I have a somewhat similar letter from him, and I will have a copy of this made and sent to you.

Now for answers to your different items:

(1) Unfortunately I do not seem to have available the initials, but Dr. Ando and Dr. Kobayashi the Director of the N.I.H. are those interested in Japanese B encephalitis at the present time. Dr. Kobayashi has appointed Dr. Ando as the one in charge of Japanese B encephalitis. Neither of these workers believes in the mosquito transmission hypothesis, and are doing their best to discredit Dr. Kitaoka.

(2) The answer to this question appears to be available in the TELECOM between the Surgeon General's Office and the 406th Medical General Laboratory of December 5, a copy of which is being sent to you at this time.

(3) I don't believe any exact answer to this question will be available from any source. I am getting copies of what data are available at the 406th regarding these cases. However, the laboratory work that is being done on them does not seem to me to be very conclusive and in most instances they have only single specimens and rather sketchy history.

I am finally getting a fair amount of data regarding the American population of Japan, but all of the troop concentrations have come as "Secret" making the data rather hard to handle.

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Dr. Paul

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