WAR DEPARTMENT  
SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Reported case of encephalitis

TO: The Commanding Officer, Mitchel Field, New York (Attention of the Commanding Officer, Station Hospital)

1. With reference to the reported case of encephalitis on December 21, it is requested that samples of the blood and spinal fluid on this patient be sent to the Army Medical School, Washington, D.C., as indicated in SGO Circular Letter No. 107, Subject: "Laboratory aids in the diagnosis of neurotropic virus diseases". A copy of this Circular Letter is inclosed for your convenience.

2. First blood specimen should be accompanied by a history of the case in quadruplicate as indicated in Paragraph 2a(5) of Circular Letter No. 107.

3. For your information, Dr. Albert B. Sabin of the Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of the Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases, Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and Other Epidemic Diseases in the Army, may be consulted by mail, telephone or radio, concerning this and other cases of neurotropic virus diseases. He is also authorised to fly to any Army post and perform post-mortem studies on these cases should this become necessary and be desired by the Surgeon.

For The Surgeon General:

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Dr. Albert B. Sabin, Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio  
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