REPLY TO
ATTN OF:
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SUBJECT: Rabies Pre-immunization of Children and Infants

TO: Col Bradley W. Prior
Executive Secretary
Armed Forces Epidemiological Board
Office of the Surgeon General
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Washington 25, DC 20315

1. The USAF Clinical Research Review Board has reviewed a protocol of a clinical research project directed towards the pre-immunization of infants and children against rabies. Several questions were raised which were not readily answerable.

2. The Board respectfully requests your assistance, advice and comments concerning the following points of interest:

   a. Has any experimental work been done with infants and children in the area of rabies pre-immunization? (Literature sources available to the researcher and review board do not mention such studies)

   b. In your opinion, is there any merit in performing such studies? If so, what? To what degree would adverse reactions negate the value of findings?

   c. Would the pre-immunization dosage and schedule for children and infants be different from those used in adults as in the case with other vaccination proceedings?

3. We are acutely aware of your busy schedule; however, an answer at your early convenience would be greatly appreciated since decision on the protocol is being held pending receipt of recommendations.

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