MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

1. During a discussion with Colonel Prior on Sunday, the 20th, I learned how enormous the dockets will be for our May meeting. In addition to discussing the general, personnel and many contract recommendations which will be submitted by the Commission Directors, we will also have other important items to review, such as the responses from the military services to the mission statements of our Commissions. Colonel Prior mentioned that he was doing his best to see that the written responses to the mission statements reach us soon.

2. To make the best possible use of the little time between Friday morning and Saturday noon, we should plan to conduct some of our less formal business on Friday night during dinner at the Officers' Mess. I hope that all Board members can arrange their time so that we can meet for dinner. Colonel Prior is hoping to arrange for a dining room or at least an alcove for our dinner.

3. The April-1969 issue of MILITARY Medicine has just arrived. Appearing in it as the editorial, are the remarks which I made when I introduced one of the programs at the AMA meeting in San Francisco last June, on which there were a number of AFEB representatives participating.

4. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Dr. Sulzberger who has just presented a review of the AFEB and its work to a DOD committee.

5. I would like to distribute the definitive agenda for our May meeting by the end of next week, that is May 2nd or 3rd. Any suggestions you may have about the agenda will be welcome.

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Dear Dr. Sulzberger:

I hope that the meeting in which you presented the work of the AFEB went well. At your convenience, and if you are free to, I would like to hear about the meeting from you since we always wish to know whether or not the AFEB is being regarded as responsive to military preventive medicine plans and programs. We hope also that the work of the AFEB is kept before the medical public, particularly the military medical public, because the reason for our being is to serve. If the military medical public is not familiar enough with our aims and abilities, I feel that the Board and its Commissions will be underutilized. A small effort on my own part is represented by the editorial which appeared in "Military Medicine" this month. In its original form, my "editorial" was a more detailed report with literature citations, describing some of the recent work of the AFEB. Although the editorial as published differs from what I submitted, it still tells a large segment of medicine what the AFEB is doing today.

My classmate General Hughes takes over command soon from General Gingles. If you don't already know General Hughes as a talented clinician, I am sure that you will very soon.

We all join in sending our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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cc: COL Prior