Memorandum

For: Drs. Brooke and Hogan
    Eichenwald
    Feldman
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1. Enclosed you find the manuscript of the proposed report of the Committee on Toxoplasmosis.

2. I spent considerable time thinking about our discussions at the last conference and the manner of presentation of the material for publication, and it seemed to me that the form in which I have finally gotten out this report would be the fairest and best way to present this material for publication.

3. The contents are, with one or two minor exceptions, in accord with the final decisions at our last conference. One of the changes that I made is in the number of dilutions to be used for the screening test. As I was writing this, it occurred to me that if only the 1:16 and 1:64 dilutions were used for the screening test, it would very frequently be necessary to do repeat tests on sera which were positive in the 1:64 dilution. On the other hand, if three dilutions were routinely tested, namely, the 1:16, 1:64 and 1:256 dilutions, the screening test would, in effect, be the final test for all but the significantly positive sera. Another point which we did not discuss at the conference and which I decided to add has to do with tests on the serum of mothers who had given birth to children who died before the diagnosis of congenital toxoplasmosis was suspected.
I know we have had a number of such instances in our laboratory, and it seemed to me that that ought to be included among the specimens that would be accepted by the Communicable Disease Center Toxoplasma Laboratory.

4. I have decided to leave out a tabulated interpretation of the serologic results in favor of a brief statement dealing with the diagnosis of congenital toxoplasmosis by serologic methods which can be printed on the back of the report forms.

5. I would appreciate it very much if, within the next week, I could have from each of you comments for changes, additions, or omissions. Please note these on pieces of paper which are attached to the page on which the point at issue occurs. If you will return the manuscript and the comments to me, the final corrections submitted by all will be made and a copy of the final corrected manuscript will be returned to you.

6. The final corrected copy will be submitted to the Research Grants Division to obtain their approval for publication.

7. On thinking the matter over, I doubt very much if it will be possible to arrange for simultaneous publication of this manuscript in the ten or twelve journals that we considered. Accordingly, I thought that I might submit it first to the J.A.M.A., with a request for early publication and permission for reprinting in any other journal that may wish to do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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