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Dr. Grant Taylor
Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission

Dear Doctor Taylor:

I understand from Dr. Sabin that you have been in correspondence with him, through which our Commission has learned of four military cases of encephalitis recently transferred from Korea to Japan. On the basis of the fact that you are experienced in the field of Japanese B encephalitis, that you have represented the Virus and Rickettsial Commission Armed Forces Epidemiological Board as an associate member before, it is my recommendation that if the appropriate military authorities agree - you be assigned for an appropriate and temporary period again, as an associate of the Virus and Rickettsial Commission to obtain as much necessary information about these cases as you think might be of importance to the Armed Forces and to our Commission. This assignment should carry the following duties:

1. Check on the diagnosis of these cases utilizing as many laboratory facilities as are available, either locally or here in this country, that is at Dr. Hammon's or Dr. Sabin's laboratory.
2. If Japanese B encephalitis is present in the troops, as much as possible should be learned as to where the cases have occurred and when. Furthermore inquiries should be made into the question of the use of mosquito repellants etc.
3. Check the vaccination program against Japanese B encephalitis, now being carried out, with renewed attempts to determine its value as a protective measure.

I hope very much that you can consider this assignment which we believe to be of considerable importance. If there are special financial aspects of the work that require my special attention and special budgetary consideration please notify me at once, cabling if necessary.

A letter from the Surgeon General's office is being sent to the appropriate authorities about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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