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Dear General Donnelly:

Thank you very much for your letter; and I think you and Colonel Neuman have arranged exactly the type of program which the MEND Group will greatly appreciate. My successor, Dr. Shirley C. Fisk, will probably be with them. He has had little to do with the Military since his experience in the African and European Theaters in World War II as a member of the 23rd Station Hospital. Since then he has been in the practice of medicine in New York and an Associate Attending Physician on the staff of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Therefore he is now entering a new world; and I think it would be very good for him to join the MEND Group at Sandia.

I am so glad Los Alamos has also been included, because the laboratory there is certainly a fascinating place; and I have kept in touch with Dr. Langham ever since.

With all best wishes to you. I wish I might go along too. Perhaps that may be possible depending upon where I am and what I am doing at one of those dates.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Frank B. Berry

Frank B. Berry, M.D.
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Major General H. C. Donnelly, USAF
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Medical Education for National Defense (MEND) Group

Frank B. Berry, M. D.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Education, this date with
(Health and Medical Management Office for Captain Bennett
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense 6 Apr 63 and 25 Apr 63)
Washington 25 D. C.

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for MEND has a somewhat different concept from Dr.
Dear Doctor Berry

While Dr. Berry considers a guided tour of facilities
in reply to your letter of 25 April 1963 concerning the MEND Group.

Colonel Frank A. Neumann, my Field Command Surgeon, and the Program
Management Officer, MEND, (Mr. Ralph E. Hirsch) have had discussions

concerning a visit to Sandia Base by medical educators from the MEND
affiliated medical schools. Mr. Hirsch, quoting Captain Avery, has

suggested that a tour of the facilities at Sandia Base and adjacent
installations, in addition to a short didactic program, would be a useful con-
tribution to the MEND effort. Since such a program would not be required

before October 1963 and possibly April 1964, it is suggested that details
be worked out between Colonel Neumann and Mr. Hirsch early

when the two men can meet in Washington, D. C. to unclear
attendees at Sandia Base was entirely out of the question.

Furthermore, he was advised that a symposium in the
symposium of the type heretofore given at Fort Sam

as a point of departure. Any additional facilities that you feel would be
appropriate for the group on any specific subject area you would desire

covered. Please feel free to contact them to Mr. Hirsch and
A useful program can be presented that will benefit your group

command.

(1) Director of FCMD, 1963

MEND LOG SECRETARY can be reviewed by completed
Associate to the attention of the unclassified facili-

ties section of the Los Alamos Foundation
equipment and the Laboratory at Los Alamos

and received a report of the observations of Los Alamos
agreed upon by the undersigned

that the program is a solution of the problem of the moment

(1) In the interim, the MEND Group is referred to
last program of the MEND Group

was being conducted by the MEND Group

command.

Frank B. Berry

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30 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: FCCS

SUBJECT: Medical Education for National Defense (MEND) Group

1. In a telephone conversation this date with Mr. Ralph B. Hirsch, Program Management Officer for Captain Bennett F. Avery (see attached correspondence 16 Apr 63 and 25 Apr 63), the contents of his letter and the one from Dr. Frank B. Berry were discussed. Captain Avery, the National Coordinator for MEND has a somewhat different concept from Dr. Berry of what should go on in the way of a program at Sandia Base. While Dr. Berry considers a guided tour of facilities with a minimum of academic presentations to be appropriate to the requirements, Mr. Hirsch, in quoting Captain Avery, insists that his requirement is for a more or less formal educational presentation in the form of a symposium at which he expects to have his medical educators shown what should be taught and ways and means to teach it. He further suggested that one of the most attractive features about giving such a symposium at Sandia Base is the possibility of demonstrating to the attending medical educators some of the nuclear hardware.

2. It was suggested as gently as possible to Mr. Hirsch that a demonstration of nuclear hardware to uncleared attendees at Sandia Base was entirely out of the question. Furthermore, he was advised that a symposium (a teaching symposium of the type heretofore given at Fort Sam Houston for MEND educators) which required the large logistical support of a medical teaching faculty and field demonstrations utilizing literally 1500-3000 troops could not be accomplished at Sandia Base.

3. In lieu of a symposium it was suggested that a guided tour, if such can be arranged, be conducted to demonstrate to the attendees some of the unclassified facilities at Sandia Corporation, the Lovelace Foundation shock equipment, Kirtland Air Force Base acceleration sleds, etc., and perhaps a visit to the Laboratory at Los Alamos. It was agreed, mutually, between Mr. Hirsch and the undersigned that the best way to handle this problem at the moment is: (1) to do nothing until we hear again from him reference a firm program and (2) to conduct a personal interview sometime during the summer on one of my visits to Washington.

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4. None of the above is particularly helpful with respect to answering Dr. Berry's letter. It is suggested, however, that the essential content of the answer be as follows: "The Surgeon, Field Command (Colonel Frank A. Neuman, MC, USA) and the Program Management Officer, MEND, (Mr. Ralph B. Hirsch) have had discussions concerning a visit to Sandia Base by medical educators from the MEND affiliated medical schools. Mr. Hirsch, quoting Captain Avery, has suggested that a tour of the facilities at Sandia Base and adjacent installations, in addition to a short didactic program, would be a useful contribution to the MEND effort. Since such a program would not be required before October 1963 and possibly April 1964, it is suggested that details be worked out between Colonel Neuman and Mr. Hirsch early this summer when the two can meet in Washington, D. C., etc., etc."



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Surgeon

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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25 April 1963

Dear General Donnelly:

I understand you are still at Sandia. Therefore, I am writing you about what we know as our MEND group, meaning Medical Education for National Defense. This group consists of faculty representatives from all of our 87 medical schools. The Armed Forces give them three or four sessions a year, showing and telling them what the three Services do and the problems they have along medical lines. There have been many sessions at Bethesda Naval Medical Center and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The chief topic has been the handling of mass casualties and various other subjects which are well taught in medical schools.

At the last meeting I urged them to plan for more field trips so that the groups from the medical schools could really see what everybody was spending their money on and where the young men from the hospitals were being sent and also the many problems unique to Military Medicine. I then suggested the Canal Zone, Sandia, Los Alamos, and such other places. Everybody suddenly woke up from their drowsy state and looked at me as though I were crazy; and I was assured that they could not get into such places. I said, "Well, anyway, you might ask; and leave it to me, I think it is possible." I telephoned General Booth and he was enthusiastic. As I told him then, I knew you would be too.

A memorandum from Captain Bennett F. Avery, MC USN, who is the National Coordinator, tells me he has already written to Colonel Neuman at Sandia. This was not the way I had arranged with General Booth, as I had urged Captain Avery to get in touch with General Booth's office. Therefore, I am writing you and will ask Dr. Avery to touch base with General Booth's office as well as with Colonel Neuman.

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I am sure you will understand the kind of a show they want. They want to see what goes on; and I am sure they will be somewhat goggle-eyed at the completeness of the outline that you will give to them. So, tell Colonel Neuman not to make it completely medical; but tell them as much as you can. For example, the sessions to which you admitted the Press were exactly the type of thing that they would like to see, as well as the medical part of the program.

As to Los Alamos, where I am sure they will be fascinated, especially regarding some of the work in genetics and physiology, do you think I should take this up with the AEC here in Washington, or should I write directly to the Director at Los Alamos? When I was there, they told me that they wished they could have more visitors, as they have a good deal of interest and particularly so from the medical side. By the way, who is the Director now?

With kindest regards, and I remember so well my last visit there where you gave us such a very fine session.

Sincerely yours,

Frank B. Berry

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16 April 1963

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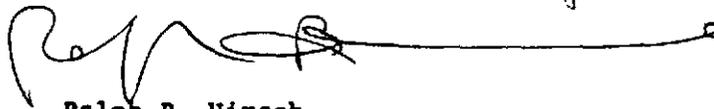
Dear Colonel Neuman:

At a meeting of the Federal MEND Council last week, Dr. Frank Berry suggested that we look into the possibility of holding a MEND symposium at Sandia Base.

I know that you are familiar with the requirements of the MEND Program, and therefore I would very much appreciate your frank comments on two aspects of this suggestion. First: is there enough material of medical interest at Sandia to justify the attendance of 100 to 150 medical educators from all over the country? Second: if there is enough, can it be presented without security restrictions? As you know, it would defeat our purpose to require security clearance of the professors who attend our symposia (even if it were feasible), because they would not be able to communicate the information freely to their students.

Please let us have the benefit of your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely, and with best regards,



Ralph B. Hirsch

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