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MED Testing Program at Holmsburg Prison

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29 June 1964

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1. During our meeting on Monday, 22 June, you directed me to initiate the testing program at Holmsburg Prison at the earliest possible date and it was agreed that this could be done even though the physicians and technicians there do not yet have security clearances. We arranged for our military physicians to hand-carry the compounds to be tested and to discuss biological data related to such compounds with the physicians and technicians at Holmsburg without actually showing them any Confidential data. Dr. Kligman, the responsible physician at the University of Pennsylvania was willing to do such tests under these circumstances.

2. Captain Richard Fencel, assistant project officer of this program, phoned Dr. Kligman on Monday afternoon and was encouraged to make necessary arrangements for human testing at Holmsburg as soon as possible. Accordingly, Captain Fencel and Major Ketchum visited the testing facility at Holmsburg on 25 and 26 June for the purpose of supervising the preliminary physical and psychological tests on candidate volunteers with the understanding that actual MED testing program could be started on Monday, 29 June. This preliminary screening of volunteers was accomplished with minimal difficulties. Dr. Copeland, a physician hired by Dr. Kligman to provide professional supervision of this testing program, was present and appeared to understand the standard procedures for this pre-test examination of volunteers. However, on Friday afternoon, 26 June, he informed Captain Fencel that he would not be available for human testing at any time during the week of 29 June. Since the first chemical to be tested was one which we have already studied here we had hoped to use this initial test to familiarize the professional and technical personnel at Holmsburg with the techniques we were presently using at CRDL and, of course, felt that it was most important that a physician from the University of Pennsylvania be present. We therefore phoned Dr. Kligman this morning and notified him that Dr. Copeland would not be present. Dr. Kligman stated that he was unaware of this circumstance when he agreed to start the testing program today. Dr. Kligman also stated that he, himself, could not be present for testing on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

3. It is apparent that the MED test program at Holmsburg cannot be initiated this week. However, such disappointment will not dissuade us from vigorously pursuing effort to initiate this program next week.

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1. The Director of Medical Research, CRDL, Colonel Joseph R. Blair, and the undersigned visited Dr. Kligman and other personnel concerned with contract #DA18-035-AMC-126(A) at the University of Pennsylvania and Holmesburg Prison. It was readily apparent that the procedures for preliminary screening of the 1400 prisoners at Holmesburg had not progressed during the previous week. Actually, only three subjects had been completely screened for testing. Dr. Kligman, as Principal Investigator on this contract promised to correct this deficiency.

2. In order to indoctrinate the staff of the group at Holmesburg regarding the performance of human drug tests under this contract it was agreed to administer an agent to be selected by the contract project officer to three volunteers on Monday, 27 July 1964. Preliminary psychological tests on these subjects were to be completed prior to Monday by technicians at Holmesburg.

3. Both Colonel Blair and I felt that the present physical facilities for performing these tests at Holmesburg were inadequate from the standpoint of both efficiency and safety. However, Mr. McBride, one of Dr. Kligman's assistants, showed us a section of one cell block in the prison which consisted of approximately 16 individual cells and which could be closed off from other prisoners in the cell block. We were told that this area would soon be available for studies under this contract. This area seemed to be much more desirable as a testing site. If some of the cells to be used as study rooms could be padded and air conditioned this might actually provide an excellent study area.

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22 September 1964

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Dear Dr. Kligman:

I have been anxiously awaiting word from you concerning the possibility of implementing the MED program with your volunteers at Holmesburg Prison. Yesterday Colonel Blair told me that during his conversation with you on 11 September 1964, he learned that there may be further delays in acquiring adequate space at the prison for such studies. This is certainly discouraging news and we are all hopeful that you might be able to solve this problem in the near future.

I have not received any monthly reports from you so I must remind you that such reports are necessary prior to processing your vouchers through our Procurement Office. Monthly reports are usually brief and factual as compared to quarterly and annual summary reports which are more comprehensive. Enclosed is CRDL SOP No. 335-1 outlining procedures for preparing and processing quarterly, annual and final reports. Monthly reports can be sent directly to me in order to save time.

Either Major Ketchum or I will be available to assist you at any time that you are ready to begin the MED program and are looking forward to a happy and fruitful working relationship.

Sincerely yours,

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TO Ch, Clinical Research Div FROM Dr. Kitzes DATE 10 November 64 CMT 1
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Drs. Bottiglieri, Crowell, and Kitzes arrived at Homesburg City Prison, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 5 November 1964 to begin practice drug testing on prisoner volunteers. At that time the volunteers were not ready for the test; baseline vital signs and morning NF tests had not been performed. Dr. Copeland and Dr. Kligman were not available at that time. Baseline studies were begun and the agents injected at approximately 1230 p.m., at which time Dr. Copeland was there. At approximately 1500 Dr. Bottiglieri left to return to Edgewood Arsenal and about ten minutes later Dr. Copeland left. The technicians (especially Mr. Mitchell) performed their jobs during the three-day period satisfactorily. A second day of testing was begun on 6 November 1964. However, at 0830 when all baseline studies should have been performed and patients prepared for the test, baseline studies had not begun and even the beds were not made. Throughout the entire three-day period testing was hampered by equipment, such as needles, syringes, and alcohol sponges, not being readily available. On the second day of testing no medical personnel, other than ourselves, were present, nor did any appear or make contact with us prior to our leaving Friday afternoon. Many of the volunteers had the previous day been on another test involving application of agents to the skin.

The volunteers throughout the period were very cooperative and performed their obligations very satisfactorily.

It is our opinion that in order for this program to be successful, there needs to be guidance and supervision of the testing by the contractors. This is especially important in this early stage of the program for training of the nursing personnel and establishing standard operating procedures. The facilities at present seem to be adequate to test six volunteers per week provided more nursing personnel are made available (only two are working at present).

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