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SUBJECT: Human Volunteers

TO: The Chief
Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice
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The following resolution was passed by the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board at its spring meeting on 8 and 9 May 1952:

"The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board regrets the unfortunate occurrence of a death in the hepatitis studies being conducted at McNeil Island, Washington. These studies in human volunteers are of the utmost importance to the Armed Forces, both in the United States and abroad. Further, this study is valuable for the protection of all patients who need blood or its products. However, the Board is fully appreciative of the gravity of such occurrences and recommends utmost vigilance in assessing the merits of such studies in relation to potential hazards. It is sincerely hoped that this highly regrettable death will not cause any disruption of the plans for continuation of these most significant studies."

FOR THE ARMED FORCES EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BOARD:

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