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Dear Captain Shilling,

I have your letter of 23 January asking our plans for utilizing the Crowe treatment.

Following our return from Westover, Captain J. C. Adams took the matter up with the Surgeon General, the decision, general in character, being somewhat as follows:

It seems clear that the occurrence and degree of hyperplasia of the lymphoid tissue of the nasopharynx depends not only on the "constitution" and exposures of the individual but also on climatic and seasonal factors. The influence of such factors not having been elucidated, Captain Adams advocates that we proceed slowly: specifically, -

a - Inaugurate a radium service at Bethesda and New London.

b - Institute inquiry to learn the frequency and extent of inability to ventilate the ears due to that particular cause.

By such a program, we can be developing a practical administrative procedure while learning whether a more general program is indicated, and - if so - at what activities.

We shall keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely yours,

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