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Ref the package on
medical/health problems of
Dri-Encumbers on Gopton which
was sent to you 4 Jan -

Recommend the matter
of turn-around of people
to/from Gopton/ Ujilang
be discussed w/ HICOM and
a schedule be provided if
such opn is anticipated.

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J. R. SCHAFER
Colonel, USA
Director, Logistics



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Department of Health Services
Majuro, Marshall Islands

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8 November 1977

To: District Administrator, Marshalls
From: District Director of Health Services, Marshalls
Subject: Report of Trip to Japtan, Enewetak

Because of increased in number and type of health problems affecting the health of people on Japtan, Enewetak which caused great concern to the Commanding Officer and his staff, Enewetak and the District Administrator, Marshalls, Mr. Oscar deBrum, the District Administrator of Marshall Islands District asked me and Mr. Murphy Ownbey to go to Enewetak to meet with Colonel Edgar J. Mixan, the District Administrator Representative, Japtan and the Health Assistant, Japtan to discuss the health situation on Japtan and to evaluate the health assistant program and recommend course of action to be taken by all concern in the future.

Mr. Murphy Ownbey couldn't come on this trip to Enewetak because his wife was sick. So, I proceeded to Enewetak on November 4, 1977. As soon as I arrived Enewetak, Colonel Mixan arranged a brief meeting at his office. The meeting was attended by Colonel Edgar J. Mixan, the Commanding Officer, Enewetak; LTC John R. Sitten, Dr. Joseph E. Thorpe, M.D., John Ismail and myself. The topics of discussion during our meeting were health education program on Japtan, district medical referral procedures and medical referral patients from Japtan to USAF Clinic on Enewetak and medical referral patients and escorts from USAF Clinic to Kwajalein or Majuro. After a brief meeting, the group had lunch. After lunch, we visited Japtan dispensary, the toilet facilities on the island and the general sanitary condition of the village. Upon our return from Japtan, Colonel Mixan decided to have another meeting at 5:00 p.m. to discuss health problems on Japtan relative to toilet facilities, drinking water, method of garbage disposal and medical emergency referral patients and medical referral policies to be followed, including proper medical referral slips for patients and escorts. In the mean time shown below is a list of medical supplies and equipment available at Japtan Dispensary.

1. Elxier of theophyllin 1 gal
2. Xaepectate 1 gal
3. Tylinol suspension 1 gal
4. A.S.A. tablets 2000s
5. Amphogel liquid 12 pints
6. Amphogel tablets 2000s
7. Ascorbic acid tablets 4000s
8. Hexavitamin tablets 6000s
9. Gantrisin tablets 2000s
10. Amesec capsules 500s

11. Greseofulvin tablets	500s
12. Achromycin capsules 250mg	500s
13. Biscodyl tablets	1000s
14. Antihistamine tablets	500s
15. Thorazine 25mg tablets	1000s
16. Tempura suspension 1/2 oz	60 bottles
17. Pro. Penicillin G	60 vials
18. Dramamine 50mg tablets	1000s
19. Actifed tablets	1000s
20. VK-Pen	12 bottles
21. Imferon injection	1 box
22. Adrenalin injection	9 boxes
23. Thorazine injection, 1cc	1 box
24. Xylocain 1%, 50cc	6 bottles
25. Water for injections, 50cc	30 bottles
26. Analgesoc Balm oint.	6 tubes
27. Polymaxin, mycitracin & Neomycin oint	6 tubes
28. Milk of Magnesia 30 Ml, 9s	6 boxes
29. Rubbing alcohol	1/2 gal
30. Baby vitamin liquid	32 bottles
31. Ferrous sulfate tablets	2000s
32. Diamox 250mg tablets	100s
33. 1% Hydrocortisone cream, 1b	1 jar
34. Sulfarylon ointment, 1 lb, jar	1 jar
35. Epsom salt	1 lb
36. I.V. sets	22 each
37. Infusion set 25g needle	22 each
38. 500 cc normal saline	1 case
39. 1000cc normal saline, 6s	1 case
40. 500cc 2½ D/W/S	1 case
41. 1000cc lactated ringer	2 bottles
42. Surgeon Gloves, 7½ size	20 pairs
43. Ambu-bag	1 set
44. Enema set	10 each
45. Bandages 1 inch	3 boxes
46. Bandages 3 inches	6½ boxes
47. Chromic "0" sutures	1 box
48. Chromic "00" sutures with needles	1 box
49. Silk "0" sutures with needles	2 boxes
50. Umbilicle tape	2 boxes
51. Stethoscope	1 each
52. Rectal thermometer	1 dozen
53. Oral thermometer	1 dozen
54. Pelvineter	1 each
55. Minor sets	2 sets
56. O.E. set	2 sets
57. Syringes 2 cc	8 each
58. Adhesive tape	1 scool
59. Blood Pressure Cuff	1 each
60. Benzyl-benzoate	1 pint
61. Silver nitrate sticks	2 bottles
62. Robitussin syrup	4 bottles
63. Bandage scissors	1 pair

64. Stove. Karosene. for sterilizing instruments	.....	7	each
65. Carbazone capsules	.....	0	
66. Flagyl tablets	.....	0	
67. Ampicillin capsules	.....	0	
68. I.N.H. tablets	.....	0	
69. Chloromycetin 250 mg cap	.....	0	
70. Solu-cortef 100mg or 250 mg amp	.....	0	
71. Antepar tablets	.....	0	
72. Tylinol tablets	.....	0	

Next day I met again with the DistAd Rep., Japtan and the Health Assistant to reemphasize the referral procedures to be followed. I also asked them to try to contact us at Majuro or the Distad Rep. Kwajalein before sending any patients to Kwajalein. I also asked Dr. Thorpe to give me a list of all Micronesian patients that were seen and treated at the USAF Clinic on Enewetak for the period of October 2, 1977 to November 3, 1977. The only significant thing about this list is the fact that 20 visits were made by the Marshallese working and live on Enewetak, two stool examinations but patients were treated by the Health Assistant on Japtan, three patients were referred to USAF Clinic by the Health Assistant for further evaluation and treatment, one patient visited USAF Clinic twice without the Health Assistant's knowledge, and six emergency medical referrals who were evacuated to Kwajalein except one died before medical evacuation.

refused to be treated by the Health Assistant and she requested treatment at either Kwajalein or Majuro. She had pneumonia which could have been treated on Japtan.

Recommendations:

1. Mass deworm of the populace of Japtan soon as possible.
2. A team of two sanitarians from Majuro to Japtan to construct three water-sealed toilets for the community of Japtan and to reduce or eliminate the rat population on Japtan for a period of one week.
3. Upgrade the immunization program on all pre-school and school children on Japtan. Initial vaccination be done by Public Health team from Majuro so that records can be documented. Arrangement for storage of vaccines for the second and third series immunization be requested through Colonel Mixan and his medical staff, including their advice and assistance where it is appropriated.
4. When medical emergency occurs and evacuating the patient becomes necessary, the health assistant on Japtan after thorough consultation with the doctor USAF Clinic on Enewetak may refer the patient to Kwajalein or Majuro for further treatment.
5. Medical referral patients who have not attained 18 years of age may be permitted to have one adult parent or guardian accompany them.
6. No member of the family will be permitted to accompany an adult patient at Government expense unless permission is requested and granted by the District Director of Health Services, Marshalls.
7. All unauthorized medical escorts will be responsible for their own hotel accommodation on Ebeye, including meal.
8. All medical emergency referrals must have a referral form with

proper signature of the Health Assistant, Japtan and the medical officer incharge of USAF Clinic, Enewetak.

9. Every effort should be made to contact the District Director of Health Services, Marshalls and his medical staff, the Liaison Officer, Kwajalein and DistAd Rep., Kwajalein before evacuating any medical emergency referrals from Japtan, Enewetak.

Conclusion:

The hospitality, assistance, logistic support and cooperation I received from Colonel Edgar J. Mixan and all his staff was deeply appreciated. I was most impressed with the way they demonstrated their concern regarding the welfare of the people of Japtan. However, Dr. Joseph E. Thorpe and I didn't think that there was any epidemic of diarrhea or flu existed on Japtan. Of course, layman will look at the situation from a totally difference point of view. Mild upper respiratory infection is not an unusual after field trip ship visit to an atoll. Diarrhea of various causes is an epidemic disease in Micronesia. The Health Assistant on Japtan has all the needed medicines and equipments in his dispensary to take care of about 90% of all common diseases on Japtan.

Ezra Riklon
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DDHS, Marshalls

cc: Colonel Edgar J. Mixan, Enewetak
Dr. Joseph E. Thorpe, Enewetak
DistAd Rep. Japtan/Enewetak
Health Assistant, Japtan/Enewetak
Kwajalein Liaison Officer, Kwajalein
Director of Health Services, Saipan
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7 YEARS AND HOW MANY PEOPLE 8 YEARS UP TO 65 YEARS AND OVER AT JAPTAN
AND HOW MANY CHILDREN BORNED SINCE 1967 TO 1977. WORK, MEDICINES AND
APPROPRIATE VACCINES WILL BE SENT SOON ABOVE INFORMATION OBTAINED.
ONE SANITARIAN AND THREE WATER SEAL TOILETS WILL BE ON FIRST FIELD TRIP
TO JAPTAN. REQUEST DISTAD REP JAPTAN HAVE \$25.00 DOLLAR READY FOR PAY-
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COL MIXAN SENDS FOR OSCAR DEBRUM

SUBJ: REPORT OF TRIP TO JAPTAN, ENEWETAK

A. REFERENCE LETTER, SUBJ: AS ABOVE, DATED 8 NOV 77 FROM DR.

RIKLON TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

1. I HAVE RECEIVED AN INFORMATION COPY OF REF A, DR. RIKLON'S DETAILED REPORT REGARDING HIS 4 NOVEMBER TRIP TO ENEWETAK ATOLL.
2. I AM VERY INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT ACTIONS ARE CONTEMPLATED RELATIVE TO DR. RIKLON'S RECOMMENDATIONS. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IN THIS REGARD AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

GERALD G. GARNER, MAJ, USA, ADMIN OFF
FCRA, 6-2114, 1 Dec 77

EDGAR J. MIXAN, COL, USA, CDR, FCR, 6-2100

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