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FROM : C. L. Dunham, M. D., Chief, Medical Branch
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SUBJECT: HOSPITALIZATION OF AIR WEATHER PERSONNEL

SYMBOL: EMM:CLD

Was called over to Howard Brown's office at 10:50 A.M., to talk with Mr. Nichols, General Manager, concerning hospitalization for complete and finally definitive medical work on air weather personnel who have been under observation at Kwajalein. It appeared that there has been a Commission decision forwarded to the Department of Defense disapproving hospitalization at Walter Reed. The question was - could just as good a job be done at Tripler. I gave it as my opinion that these people could be studied just as satisfactorily if certain personnel and equipment could be sent to Tripler for the study.

A few minutes later I was visited by Colonel McDonnel, who had come straight from the Pentagon with the impression that the AEC was still objecting to any study being made at this time. I advised Colonel McDonnel that this was not the case. He stated that the Pentagon was reconciled to the study not being made at Walter Reed, in which case, from a medical standpoint, it made no difference whether it was to be done at Brook General or at Tripler.

As soon as Colonel McDonnel left I called Mr. Nichols, and advised him that there was no basic disagreement as to the medical side of the picture, and the need for a thorough and definitive study. Both Colonel McDonnel and I have our own personal opinions about the psychology of having the study done at Tripler, as opposed to some stateside installation, but from the somatic medical side there is no valid objection, in our opinion, to having the study done at Tripler.

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