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SINGLE REVIEW AUTHORIZED BY: A.A. SINISGALLI	DETERMINATION (CIRCLE NUMBER(S)) 1. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED 2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO: 3. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
REVIEWER (ADD): 3-31-94	DATE: 3-1-94
NAME: DR. D.	DATE: 3-1-94

1. Contents Department telegram viewed by telephone with Dr. Holmes, ABCC who has returned Hiroshima. Holmes skeptical re use prepartain barring stronger recommendation from Doctors Bugher or Moritz. Believes relapse may be due transfusions received whereas drug use would imply patient victim of radiation. He is also hesitant suggest to Japanese that first experimental use on humans be made this country.
2. Embassy concurs these views, but wishes assure Dr. Bugher and Dr. Moritz their concern and offers of assistance highly appreciated.
3. Prior departure Tokyo Holmes again invited to view patient by Dr. Suzuki, but Holmes considered preferable send Japanese associate who reported condition patient little changed. Icterus index patient about 200 according last report.
4. Morning press reports slightly improved. UP telephones us to add details. no longer in coma, is talking a little, and complains of pain from hypodermic injections. UP believes there may be official statement from hospital to this effect later today. If there is, I shall express our gratification.
5. For reasons paragraph 1, we think it inadvisable approach Japanese authorities and doctors re prepartain unless more affirmative recommendation can be made by AEC. No matter how we attempted protect ourselves if drug previously used only on animals administered and patient died, we would be accused of "experimental medicine" and "guinea pig" issue would be revived most strongly. We can have no confidence that unfriendly elements are not among medical staffs attending patient.
6. Re Department's 472, due sensitivity public relations problems here no less than last March (Embassy's 2331) unclassified telegrams this subject inadvisable.

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