

On June 22 I addressed a letter to each Governor summarizing recent actions taken by the Department with respect to the distribution of the vaccine. Set forth below is a summary similar to that sent to the Governors and keyed to the eleven recommendations contained in my report to you of May 16.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS SINCE MAY 16 AS TO THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT OF THAT DATE

Recommendation No. 1: Resources of the Public Health Service

On May 16 there was submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee a preliminary estimate of the funds required by the Public Health Service for testing, research, and epidemic intelligence related to the poliomyelitis vaccination program. A revised estimate was submitted to the Senate on May 26 in the amount of \$1,600,000, of which \$750,000 was for additional testing and research related to testing. The balance was for epidemiological studies to aid in evaluation of the effect of vaccination upon the occurrence of poliomyelitis; and for the establishment of a Poliomyelitis Vaccine Operations Unit in the Public Health Service to serve the National Advisory Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccine and to be responsible for the program of interstate vaccine distribution. These funds were included in the Health, Education, and Welfare 1956 Appropriation Bill as it passed the Senate on June 6.

In addition to this estimate of \$1,600,000 a separate supplemental request for funds amounting to \$400,000 to provide for the enlargement of facilities for the housing of monkeys at the National Institutes of Health was submitted to the Congress on June 16. Hearings were held on this latter item by a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee on June 27, and the full Committee approved the request on July 12. Development of plans for construction of a building in Bethesda, Maryland, to