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Evacuation of Institute Pasteur Equipment.

Yesterday Dr. Kotcher, Public Health Laboratory Consultant, asked that we assist the Pasteur Institute in Haiphong in evacuating some of their equipment. Mr. Kotcher was unable to state whether the equipment in question is of American Aid Origin. Nor was he able to describe the type of material for evacuation. He did state that a Mr. Chanalet, the Director of the Institute in Haiphong, was returning North next Wednesday to arrange for the evacuation of this equipment. Dr. Kotcher suggested that you contact Mr. Chanalet and discuss the matter with him personally. Dr. Kotcher appears to be anxious to assist in the evacuation of as much laboratory equipment as is possible.

Looking into the files on this subject I found the attached memorandum which Dr. Kotcher prepared for Mr. Barrows a short time ago. Mr. Barrows comments on this memorandum were simply to follow through and attempt to determine the present position of the Institutes Pasteur but not to involve the Mission in any open discussion of this matter. Apparently the Institutes are not entirely under French management. Dr. Kotcher tells me that he believes most of the French technicians are in fact Army Personnel in mufti who are assigned to the Institutes.

Please look into the possibilities for evacuating some of the laboratory equipment. The usual procedures stand. If the equipment is not of American Aid Origin the responsibility for any evacuation is to rest entirely with the French without comment or correspondence from you. If in the course of your day to day contacts you can answer some of the questions raised in the attached memorandum, please advise me at the earliest possible date.

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Attachment

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