



Memorandum

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Date

/s/ Edward N. Brandt, Jr.

From Edward N. Brandt, Jr., M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health

Subject Kaposi's Sarcoma

To Dr. Vincent DeVita, NCI
Dr. Richard Krause, NIAID
Dr. William Pollin, NIDA

As you know, there has been an unusual outbreak of Kaposi's Sarcoma associated with opportunistic infections. This outbreak has resulted in over 200 cases and about 80 deaths. Most of the cases have occurred in homosexual men with a possible association with drug use. CDC has been investigating this outbreak, but additional efforts of the PHS are required. A summary of relevant material is enclosed.

Please arrange to meet with Dr. Foege as soon as possible to discuss your greater participation in this effort. This is an opportunity for helping a large number of people while gaining greater understanding into the development of a serious disease.

Please advise me of the results of your discussions with Dr. Foege.

cc: Dr. Malone
Dr. Mayer
Dr. Foege

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