

Memorandum

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From Director
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

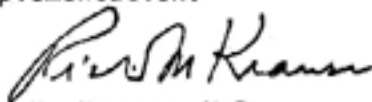
Subject Recommendation of the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious
Diseases Council

To Director, NIH
Through: Committee Management Officer, NIH B-

At its September 24 meeting, the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council adopted the following recommendation:

An increasing number of patients with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome are requiring care in New York City and elsewhere in the U.S. The case fatality rate is high, and there is a possibility that the disease is caused by an infectious agent. For these reasons, technicians handling specimens from these patients in microbiological and immunological laboratories, as well as other health care personnel, have expressed concern for their own safety. It is recommended that the NIH, through its Division of Safety, collaborate with the Commissioner of Health of New York City - and health officials of other cities and institutions - to provide instruction in the management of potential biohazards in those major cities where the problem exists.

I heartily endorse this recommendation and would be pleased to work with the NIH Division of Safety on its implementation.


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