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E. B. MERITT,

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Asst. Commissioner.

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Dr. Walter Rendtorff,

Carlisle School.

JAN 23 1915

My dear Dr. Rendtorff:

FILED BY C. P. F. Referring to your request of the Public Health Service for an investigation of your remedy for tuberculosis, the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, to whom the correspondence was referred, states that on account of the large number of investigations on hand, it is not practicable to undertake a study of the remedies mentioned at this time. He suggests that you bring your preparation to the attention of your local or state medical society.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

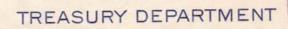
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WASHINGTON

January 15, 1915.

The Honorable,

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Sir:-

TO INDIAN OFFICE

By direction of the Secretary I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant referring to a request of Doctor Walter Rendtorff, Physician at Carlisle Indian School for an investigation of a remedy for tuberculosis prepared by him.

The Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service to whom the correspondence was referred states that on account of the large number of investigations on hand it is impracticable to undertake a study of the remedy mentioned. It is suggested that Dr. Rendtorff should bring his preparation to the attention of his local or State medical society.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

This Department is advised that Dr. Walter Rendtorff, Physician at Carlisle Indian School, has requested you to make an investigation of his remedy for tuberculosis.

This Department would appreciate your keeping it advised regarding developments.

Cordially yours,

(Sgd.) BO SWEENEY

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Assistant Secretary.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

Carlisle, Pa.

Jan. 4th , 1915.

The Honorable E.B.Meritt,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

Your kind letter appreciated. I enclose a letter written to Dr. Andersen of the U.S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, with the hope that this department may see fit to give me a hearing.

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very respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

carlisle, Pa.

Jan /th 1915.

Dr. John F. Andersen,

U.S. Public Health & Marine Hospital Service,

Washington, D.C.

Dear doctor:

A short time past I wrote to the Honorable Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, saying that I had developed a remedy of apparent value in tuberculesis/ I received an answer from the Honorable E.B. Meritt, Asst. Commissioner, in which he says"It is also suggested that it might be advisable for you to communicate with the Public Health & Marine Hospital Service regarding your treatment". This I will be glad to do. I first used my vaccine on a bedridden apparently hopeless pulmonary patient with results that were astonishing. He is now up and around with tubercle bacilli absent in the sputum. An unfortunate derth of clinical material has thus far confined my experience to two other cases both of which made remarkable improvement. I freely admit that the results obtained may have been accidental but I do feel stimulated to a further trial of the remedy. Would deem it an honor to present my theories and allow your service to put them to a practical test.

very respectfully,

Walter Punding min.

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Dr. Walter Rendtorff.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Rendtorff:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, in which you advise this Office of your action in requesting the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service to investigate your remedy for tuberculosis.

Please keep the Office advised in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meri

Assistant Commissioner.

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Dr. Walter Rendtorff,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Rendtorff:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of December 4, in which you state that you believe you have developed a remedy of great value in the treatment of tuberculosis, and suggest that the remedy be given a trial at the sanatorium at Fort Lapwai and at Toledo.

It is suggested that you communicate with Dr. John N. Alley, Superintendent of the Fort Lapwai Sanatorium, and Dr. Robert L. Russell, Superintendent of the Sac and Fox Sanatorium, setting forth your theory and giving the clinical histories of the cases which you believe tere benefitted. If there are at these places cases for which there appears to be no hope of recovery by following out the usual lines of treatment, these physicians might, if they so desire and if is your wish in the matter, try out your method.

It is also suggested that it might be advisable for

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you to communicate with the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service regarding your treatment.

The Office will appreciate your keeping it advised of developments and wishes you very success possible in the solution of this difficult problem.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Carlisle, Parvoissimme

Dec.4th., 1914.

I believe that I have developed

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To the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Through the acting supt. Carlisle Indian School.

Dear sor:

a remedy of great value in tuberculosis and write, as a matter of courtesy, to apprise you of this possibility. I have spent two years time on this study, the premiminary work being done during my term of service at Anadarko, Okla. It is only recently that I gave my product a clinical trial, this being in the case of one David Bellin, who was in desperate condition. This boy has now been sent home with asputum negative to tubercle bacilli and his general condition marveously improved. Have treated the only two available cases of tuberculosis occuring since this time with equally encouraging results. The last was one of glandular tuberculosis in which the glandular enlargement practically disappeared after four inoculations extending over a period of three weeks. I will soon be able to supply a small quantity of my vaccine, which is made for me by a firm noted for the reliability and excellence of its biological products. I would suggest that this be given a trial at the sanitoria at Fort Lapwai and at Toledo . I am just back from Chicago where I outlined my theories to three prominent physicians. This was the first publicity given my

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experiments. With this brief statement, I beg to remain, very respectfully.

Walter Rundlinff