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EXTERNAL CROSS-CHECKING OF BLOOD FILMS RECEIVED FROM MALARIA
ERADICATION PROGRAMMES IN THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION

In resolution SEA/RC14/R5, the Regional Committee for South-East Asia, at its fourteenth session, held in September 1961, requested the Regional Director to provide appropriate facilities to governments of the Region for an external cross-checking of a certain percentage of blood films taken in their national malaria eradication programmes.

In pursuance of this resolution, the possibility of establishing such a regional centre for independent cross-checking of blood films was discussed. The Central Research Institute, Kasauli, which is independent of the National Malaria Eradication Programme of India, is proposed as a location for this centre. Before completing arrangements with the Government of India for establishing the centre in Kasauli, the Regional Director has asked all Member Governments in the Region to signify their concurrence.

If the Member Governments agree to the proposal, arrangements will be made to establish the centre under the Director of the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, with a nucleus of staff consisting of one experienced officer, four technicians and two laboratory attendants capable of undertaking a workload of 4 000 blood smears per month. The slides received will be duly entered in a reference register, showing their identification, results of the examination, date of receipt for examination and date of despatch of results. When slides are received from more than one country at the same time, an equal number from each country will be examined every week. The results will be communicated periodically after the completion of the examination of each batch, or of 1 000 slides, whichever is the smaller. After the examination, the slides will be washed, repacked and, along with a report of the results of the examination, sent to the Regional Office for transmission to the country concerned.

It is estimated that the expenditure involved in meeting the salaries and allowances of the staff for one year (1963) and other expenses will be about \$6 000 (Rs.28 200). WHO would need to pay the agreed amount in advance to the Government of India.

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