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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT - Atebrine for Italian Police & Fire Service.
TO - Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference query concerning the issue of Atebrine to the above Services, the question was put to Col. Russell, Chief of the Malaria Control Branch and his reply is appended.

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G. S. BARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Com.

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Copy Letter from Col. Russell, 29/4/44

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HEADQUARTERS, PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION, MALARIA CONTROL
BRANCH ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, U.S. ARMY, 29 April 1944.

TO: Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters.
Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Suppressive atabrine for the Italian Police and Fire Services personnel would not seem to be either feasible or desirable. If given effectively to 55,000 men for 122 days (June - September), it would require 6,710,000 tablets. Allied Control Commission stocks are not sufficient to meet this demand and the expected requirements for treatment of civil cases. It is well known that even under military conditions it requires strong command action to carry out a suppressive atabrine program. The tablets must be administered under officer supervision. It seems very unlikely that even if atabrine were available it could be used effectively among civilians whether in the police service or not.
2. Finally, atabrine does not prevent infection, it merely postpones the clinical appearance of the disease. It does not seem logical to use it in civilian groups unless there is some specific reason for delaying clinical attacks.
3. Atabrine for treatment of clinical civilian malaria will be available through Regional Public Health Officers and their local malaria committees.

/s/ Paul F. Russell 4867
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Chief, Malaria Control Branch.

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