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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

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Dr. Charles A. Berry
Director, Medical Research
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Manned Spacecraft Center
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Houston, Texas 77058

Dear Chuck:


This is in response to your letter DA-69-1800 on quarantine correspondence. I agree that communication problems did exist during the Apollo 11 mission, which in part may have been due to the loop. We have not entirely eliminated problems, although things are markedly better. I have requested members of my staff to direct communications regarding quarantine to the Director, MR&O, or his representative, and I assume this is being done. In order to clarify channels in my office, I would appreciate your directing all communications regarding quarantine to the Director, Space Medicine. This office will interface as necessary with the ICBC, and Washington offices.

In this connection, the recent release documentation for personnel under quarantine caused some confusion in my office, in part because two separate documents each looked like action papers. Documentation for release of the quarantined personnel and an equipment item from the spacecraft was received late Tuesday evening, and a second document, which could be interpreted as a personnel release request was forwarded on Wednesday. This did create some difficulty, which could have been obviated. For that reason, I suggest that this office receive a single document as an action request. This document should be identified as a quarantine release request, be numbered, and identified with the appropriate mission. It should identify the items for which release is desired, a summary of data (sterilized, negative biotest, crew findings, etc.) pertinent to the action which is recommended. Information such as your DC/12/M218/69, subject "Recommendation for Release of Apollo XII" crew and crew reception area from personnel quarantine would be appropriate here. The request should have the concurrence of the Center Director, and other

appropriate quarantine officials in the Center program. This office will determine the need for and obtain where appropriate ICBC and other concurrences, and return a copy for your records. At this time, also, in accordance with delegations of quarantine authority, this office will forward a memorandum release authorization, which is considered to be the official release document. I am attaching a suggested format for the release request. //

As previously agreed, this office desires to be informed of steps taken subsequent to receipt of release authorization, and the IRL status report seem an adequate vehicle for this.

Sincerely,


J. W. Humphreys, Jr.
Major General, USAF, MC
Director, Space Medicine
Manned Space Flight

Enclosure

APOLLO 12 QUARANTINE RELEASE REQUEST NO. _____

ITEM TO BE RELEASED: (Describe)

CONDITIONS OF RELEASE: (Conditional, Unconditional, Other)

SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE DATA: (Clinical Summary, Sterilization
Procedure, Biotest, etc.)

RECOMMENDATION:

SIGNED CQO

CONCURRENCES: