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MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING ON NEWLY-RECOGNIZED GROUPS OF
VIRUSES (ADENOVIRUS, COXSACKIE VIRUS, ECHO VIRUS)¹ 26 MAY 1956

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¹ Enteric Cytopathogenic Human Orphan virus

Provisional Agenda

1. Definition of need for international action in this field
 - 1.1 Epidemiological. Public health importance as cause of disease.
Confusion with disease of public health importance of other etiology.
Distribution. Incidence.
 - 1.2 Clinical. Definition of clinical syndromes. Identification of
clinical syndromes.
 - 1.3 Laboratory. Group identification, type identification and nomenclature.
Simplification of methods. Reagents required.
2. Methodology
 - 2.1 Dissemination of information
 - 2.2 Preparation and distribution of reagents
 - 2.3 Techniques for general application (routine)
 - 2.4 Techniques for special centres (reference)
 - 2.5 Need for and functions of special centres
 - 2.6 Possible location of special centres
 - 2.7 Integration with existing WHO programmes.
3. Preparation for future Expert Committee
 - 3.1 Epidemiological studies
 - 3.2 Laboratory studies
 - 3.3 Problems of control
 - 3.4 Workers outside USA interested in the field.

Dr PAYNE opened the meeting by stating that he believed the meeting should be completely informal, and that no formal report was required. Minutes would be prepared by the Secretariat. The purpose of the meeting was to guide WHO in planning its future efforts to assist in the solution of the many problems associated with the numbers of new viruses now being isolated.