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1. THERE IS A GREAT SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN HANOI WHICH IS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR. MOST OF THE DOCTORS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONE OR TWO HOURS DAILY AND THE WAITING PERIOD FOR APPOINTMENTS IS SOMETIMES WEEKS AND MONTHS DEPENDING ON THE URGENCY OF THE INDIVIDUAL CASE. ALL THE VIETNAMESE DOCTORS ARE FRENCH TRAINED. THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HANOI IS STILL IN EXISTENCE ALTHOUGH IT IS NON-OPERATIVE. THERE ARE SIX HOSPITALS IN HANOI, FOUR MILITARY AND TWO CIVILIAN. THE FRENCH ST. PAUL'S AND THE SOVIET WHICH IS, IN EFFECT, A CLINIC LOCATED IN A VILLA ADJACENT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY, COMPRISE THE TWO CIVILIAN HOSPITALS. THE SOVIET HOSPITAL IS STAFFED BY FIVE RUSSIAN DOCTORS. BLOC OR CHINESE DOCTORS HAVE NOT

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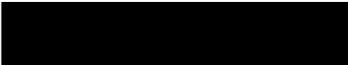
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BEEN OBSERVED IN HANOI.

2. THERE IS ONLY ONE PHARMACY IN HANOI WHICH DISPENSES A LIMITED AMOUNT OF HUNGARIAN, BULGARIAN, CHINESE AND CZECH MANUFACTURED MEDICINES. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN APPALLING SHORTAGE OF ALL KINDS OF MEDICINES, EVEN IN THE HOSPITALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF BIRTH CONTROL PILLS AND MEDICINES WHICH ARE GOVERNMENT SANCTIONED, AND THESE COMMODITIES, WHICH ARE OF CZECH AND POLISH MANUFACTURE, ARE IN HEAVY DEMAND.

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