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Reticulin M.

1. Professor Moldovan, who was at the Pasteur Institute in Cluj until 1947, had developed, prior to the end of 1947, an anti-allergen product known as "Reticulin M".

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"Reticulin M", [REDACTED] was used by the Rumanian Air Force to combat airsickness.

Animal Diseases

2. The most prevalent animal disease in Rumania was foot and mouth disease which was widespread. The disease is not fatal, and to my knowledge, no measures were taken against it. It was usually allowed to run its course. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] a veterinarian had employed the wrong type of serum in attempting to control an outbreak of the disease and that 100 animals were killed. This [REDACTED] 25X1 was only a rumor, and no source of the vaccine was known nor was the locality given in which the incident allegedly occurred. [REDACTED] Rumania did have a vaccine against foot and mouth disease [REDACTED] 25X1

3. Pigs were subject to a swine plague and to erysipelas [REDACTED] 25X1 Poultry was frequently subject to coccidiosis which broke out almost every year. This disease was a very serious problem, since cases were usually fatal. [REDACTED] 25X1 Rinderpest has not occurred in Rumania.

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Plant Diseases

4. [redacted] The Colorado beetle plague also affected Rumania.

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Soviet Medical Material in Rumania

5. Soviet-made medical instruments distributed in Rumania were generally of poor quality. Syringe needles were especially poor. Plungers in the syringe barrels were usually of very poor fit and it was not possible to inject solutions with the Soviet syringes. The common practice of Rumanian physicians in the Air Force, who were required to use Soviet-made syringes was to consign the syringes to a repair shop, and to continue to use old German-made syringes which were still available.

6. [redacted] no x-ray equipment has been imported from the USSR.

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The x-ray instruments available to the State medical offices were confiscated from private physicians and hospitals. [redacted] two x-ray instrument repairmen in Rumania. These two men were Germans who were formerly PW's in Rumania who elected to remain in the country and earn a living by keeping the old x-ray instruments in working condition. Apparently, all x-ray equipment in Rumania was made by German firms.

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7. All other medical equipment, e.g. ECG, laboratory apparatus, and cystoscopes, was old and had been imported from the West before the end of World War II. [redacted] there were Soviet sulfa drugs in use in Rumania.

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Unreliability of Rumanian Health Statistics

8. The policy of the Rumanian Health Ministry was to produce health statistics which showed an increasingly favorable health picture for the country. These statistics were designed to show the beneficial effect on health of the Communist Regime. One consequence of this policy was that it fostered the preparation of false reports by physicians who had to support the basic policy of the Ministry of Health. Physicians were also punished whenever they handed in reports of cases of infectious diseases, such as typhus, because the duty of the physicians was to prevent the disease; the physician was blamed for the occurrence of infectious diseases.

9. [redacted] one incident which occurred [redacted] Physicians [redacted] had identified 20 cases of mumps among the enlisted men in the unit.

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[redacted] no one in the unit should contract a disease, and the physicians were obliged to carry out a second examination. This second examination was completed and reports showed that no mumps was present. The commanding officer personally examined the sick and accepted the subterfuge since his position would have been jeopardized by a medical report showing incidence of mumps in his unit.

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