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1. Some months prior to October 1953, Dr. K. Sorgenfrei of the East German Ministry of Health, Central Serum Institute in Berlin-Pankow, Wollankstrasse 16, ordered a number of typhoid strains from Poland. He needed these to improve the typhoid diagnosis in his institute. The order was made through diplomatic channels.
2. On 21 October 1953, a number of typhoid strains left Poland. They arrived at the East German institute on 13 November. They came via DIA (the East German trading organization), the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFT) and Frau Caecilie Bode.¹ At the same time, a list of the strains which were shipped reached the institute. This list is reproduced below. (Annex 1)
3. The East German Ministry of Health believes that the strains must represent endemic epidemic strains of typhoid in Poland. It is noted that these strains cannot long be maintained artificially in a scientific institute but must be constantly renewed from fresh material.

1 Comment: Frau Caecilie Bode is well-known as the secretary of the German-Polish Commission of Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit (WTZ), the scientific and technical cooperation section of ZAFT.

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Annex 1

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List of Typhoid Strains¹

Bacteriological and Medical Research Division, State Health Agency
(Dzial Bakteriologii i Medycyny Doswiadczalnej, Panstwowego Zakladu Higjenu)

Warsaw, Chocimska 24.
58 S. typhi "O" 901W

58 S. typhi "H" 901W

64 S. enteritidis 1891 (Jena)

65 S. dublin 215 (Kiel)

67 S. moscow 27

73 S. panama

62 S. typhi Vi 1

6 S. paratyphi B 5706

12 S. typhi-murium 3146

19 S. reading

15 S. stanley 7855

24 S. brandenburg 647

20 S. derby 31

23 S. budapest

104 S. california 55

16 S. heidelberg

33 S. paratyphi C "Hirszfild"

149 S. georgia

126 S. montevideo

48 S. amersfoort

47 S. oslo

90 S. aberdeen

138 S. pretoria 810

87 S. senftenberg

78 S. anatum 293

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82 S. zanzibar 5628

97 S. kirkee

95 S. hvittingfoss

152 S. sundsvall

147 S. florida

143 S. mississippi



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1 Comment: The significance of the number preceding each strain is not known; it may be a catalogue number.

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