

American Consulate General,
Naples, Italy.-
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The Surgeon General
U.S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D.C.

(Through Asst. Surgeon General Rupert Blue).

Sir:

I have the honor to report as follows on the research work in mental testing. As reported in my letter of April 25th the original schedule for the collection of data in Naples will be nearly completed by August 30th if the present rate of progress is maintained. It appears, however, that the present rate may not be maintained because fewer subjects for the incompleated age groups come in for examination than for the completed groups so that it sometimes will be necessary for the special assistant to wait and lose time. This difficulty will increase as more age groups are completed. Also it is desired to get some additional data on illiterate mothers and their children which together with some other data will make possible an approximate evolution of the effect of education and environment on mental tests results.

If the special employee is continued, as a regular employee of the station after August 30th, as will be recommended by the Medical Officer in Charge, she can collect the desired data while helping with the routine work of the station.

The work in Cologne is proceeding satisfactorily but is not completed. In addition to the data being collected in Cologne some should be collected in Stuttgart as there is some doubt whether the Cologne results are valid for the part of South Germany served by Stuttgart. There have been physical

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difficulties (lack of office space) in the way of doing special work in Stuttgart, but it probably can be arranged for me to give a sufficient number of the more comprehensive tests there to make the desired comparison. It is proposed to do this during the coming year as well as to complete the work in Cologne if the necessary working space can be provided.

P.A. Surgeon R. A. Vondalehr is collecting some data in Hamburg on the Ferguson Form Boards and two of the less important performance tests.

P.A. Surgeon G. J. Beeck is collecting data in Stockholm and Goteberg on the Pintner Non Language Test and will collect some on the Ferguson Form Boards when these boards are received. This data will be used mainly for comparative purposes and as such will be valuable.

The collection of data in Dublin should be completed during the coming year. The work in Dublin has been necessarily interrupted frequently due to my absence elsewhere or because of routine work at the station and it is always hampered by lack of a special working room.

All of the data collected at Southampton (about 140 cases) up until late in February of this year is worthless because the tests were given by a nurse who gave them incorrectly. This omission has been corrected but it will be desirable for me to visit Southampton one or two times during the coming year to insure continued correct performance. The collection of data there should proceed more rapidly than in the past and by this means the loss can be rectified.

I will report on the progress of the work in Oslo and make recommendation as to the technical assistant who was trained by me to do the work there,

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when an asked for report is received from her.

The work of the technical assistants
in Naples and Oslo has been satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Kolb,
Surgeon.