

File - Medical Case # 8/20
19 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Establishing a System for Identifying Agency Employees Who are Ineligible for Overseas Assignment because of Medical Impairments

1. On 19 June 1962, I discussed the above subject with Dr. John Tiejden, Chief, Medical Staff, [redacted] Chief, Medical Support Staff and [redacted]. Dr. Tiejden has in mind a general plan which would provide for the identification of Agency employees who cannot be assigned to different geographic areas because of medical impairments and other related medical problems. At this time he is not sure whether the system should be an all inclusive one, which in addition to providing the basic medical information which also includes the opportunity to capitalize on the system for certain statistical data.

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2. At this time, the Medical Office has no system by which they can readily determine whether a person is eligible for overseas assignments or whether he can be assigned to specific occupations. This information can now be obtained only by individual search of all medical files.

3. I proposed to Dr. Tiejden that he consider these three basic approaches to the problem:

a. Utilize a basic punch card system. This could be developed by obtaining a reproduction of the basic personnel card maintained by the Office of Personnel.

b. Establish a simple card system to identify only those Agency employees who have a known medical impairment. This system would not be flexible and would not provide the opportunity for the collection of statistical data.

c. Use a McBee Key Sort Type System. This would provide for the coding of certain basic information and incorporate it into a card which is mechanically notched. After this, basic data as well as statistical information could be extracted from this file.

4. Dr. Tiejden said that the DDS had suggested to him sometime ago the possibility of incorporating some of the medical records into the Agency Computer System and Dr. Tiejden has discussed this generally with [redacted]

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5. Dr. Tiej⁺en requested that I undertake a study of his requirements with [redacted] with the objective of seeing what we could do to provide a very simple approach to the problem. I agreed and will work with the Medical Staff myself and as soon as possible, I will assign [redacted] to do the detail work with the project.

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