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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/DOB

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : ORTYNSKY, Lubomyr

1. The following information is presented for your consideration in the employment of the above-named Subject.

2. This man had active tuberculosis which was discovered in March 1950. The large cavity that he had in his right upper lobe at that time was partially resolved with treatment. At the present time, he has a large residual area in the right upper lobe of his lung which is technically known as a tuberculoma and for which the North Dakota Tuberculosis Sanatorium at San Haven, North Dakota, recommended he have surgery. The Subject chose not to have this surgery.

3. At the present time, his lesion is stable and does not require anything in the way of drug therapy. The Subject is not infective to those about him; however, a tuberculoma may adequately be described as a time bomb. This type of lesion always has active tubercular bacilli in the center of it and can break down and drain at any moment with the resultant spread of tubercular bacteria to anyone in the vicinity. This will also result in the reopening of his previous cavity. The lesion can likewise spread to the adjacent lung without opening and draining but this will again result in sputum infectious to other persons in the vicinity. There is no way of prognosticating whether an individual tuberculoma will break down or when it will break down.

4. Under these circumstances, the Subject should be employed only if he can do very sedintary type of work, since fatigue tends to make this lesion spread, and be under continual observation for the possibility of reactivation of his tuberculosis. I feel that this individual is not a good risk for the work outlined by your Division.

Chief, M.D.  
Technical Services Division  
Medical Staff

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