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Dr. Manuel A. Alzuguray, M.D.
Chairman of the Board
Miami Medical Team Foundation
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Dear Dr. Alzuguray:

Thank you for your offer, on behalf of the Miami Medical Team Foundation, to provide medical specialty care to migrants at the United States Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. We welcome the assistance, offered by your staff to our Joint Task Force 160 Surgeon, Captain (Dr.) Jerry Rose, for the provision of additional medical services.

Dr. Rose and I look forward to the complementary efforts of the Miami Medical Team and the other medical units already in place at Guantanamo. In order to provide the most appropriate care possible, to all migrants at Guantanamo, Dr. Rose, on behalf of the Commander of the Joint Task Force at Guantanamo Bay, has been given oversight responsibility for all medical care being provided there. In this capacity, he will be additionally responsible for determining the medical specialty services to be provided by the Miami Medical Team which he believes can best be utilized in support of the Cuban and Haitian migrant population. He has described his initial needs as a requirement for ophthalmologists (3), optometrists (3), clinical neurologists (3), psychiatrists (3), and clinical psychologists (6). The need for additional specialists will be reassessed continuously, and they will be requested as determined necessary and appropriate.

We understand that Miami Medical Team personnel will provide their own transportation to Guantanamo Bay, and that they will normally work Friday through Sunday, bringing with them their own medical supplies, medicine and equipment. Upon arrival at Guantanamo Bay, Joint Task Force 160 will provide the Miami Medical Team with meals and, at the least, air conditioned tentage as lodging. The members of the Miami Medical Team Foundation will be provided temporary quarters and will not have use of facilities outside the camps without the approval of the JTF 160 Commander. While we cannot guarantee water, power and air conditioning in the medical tents, JTF 160 will work to provide suitable treatment facilities for the Miami Medical Team. Facilities of the USAF Air Transportable Hospitals may be made available on an as-required basis for the medical care and support of certain patients, as determined necessary by members of the Miami Medical Team in consultation with Dr. Rose or the Commanders of the hospital facilities.

Although you have indicated a specific interest in providing obstetric care, Dr. Rose does not require that particular specialty expertise at this time. As you know, there are Cuban medical specialists among the migrants in the Guantanamo camps. As they are not licensed in the U.S., they are limited to assisting U.S. providers in the medical treatment of the migrants. Unfortunately, without the opportunity to practice their skills, they are losing their clinical proficiency; it is hoped that your staff can also provide some training in the form of continuing medical education to these medical providers during the course of your weekend visits to the camps.

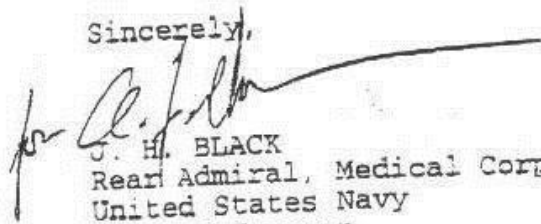
As has already been discussed, it will be necessary for all Miami Medical Team volunteers to be licensed to practice their particular specialty, and that verification of this licensure be provided by the appropriate certifying agency (for example, for Florida--the Division of Regulation, Bureau of Investigative Services, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation). Prior to the Miami Medical Team's visiting Guantanamo Bay, Cuba these professional licenses and hospital-based medical credentials must be forwarded to:

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (HA) (HSO&R)
The Pentagon, Room 1C545
Washington, D.C. 20301-2000
Facsimile # (703) 693-1000
Phone # (703) 697-8233 (LTC Curry)

Please coordinate with Captain Rose's staff regarding the logistics details (arrival dates, local transportation requirements, lodging and food service) of your projected visits to the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay; they are available by telephone at 011-5399-5044 or by facsimile at 011-5399-5036. Please acknowledge your concurrence, with the provisions of this working agreement, to the undersigned prior to arranging travel to Guantanamo.

Thank you, again, for offering the services and assistance of the Miami Medical Team to the Guantanamo Bay, on behalf of the Cuban migrant population there. If I can be of further personal assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to contact either myself directly at (804)444-6160 or my planning staff at (804)445-1380.

Sincerely,


J. H. BLACK
Rear Admiral, Medical Corps
United States Navy
Command Surgeon