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Date January 29, 1982

From Assistant Director for
International Health, CDC

Subject Dracunculiasis Wrap-up #1

To See Below

- 1 Plans are proceeding well for the International Workshop on Dracunculiasis, which USAID has agreed to fund through the Institute of Medicine,

in June 1982. Dr. Myron Schultz of CDC will chair. A draft agenda has been set, and the proposed participants were to be contacted by cable on January 26. The proceedings will be published in English and French.

- 2 The draft protocol for surveillance, assessment of impact, and evaluation

8. In early December 1981, I met with Africare staff on this subject. They were clearly interested, as their projects include providing water sources in Upper Volta, Mali, and Niger. We have sent, at their request, a follow-up letter formally asking if they would be willing to help us gather data. No reply yet.

9 In October 1981, WHO's global Advisory Committee on Medical Research recommended that regional and national groups undertake research on

issue of Africa magazine, and the November 1981 issue of World Health. The first summary article on Dracunculiasis Surveillance should appear in WHO's Weekly Epidemiological Record at any time now.

10. We have written WHO/Geneva to ask them to officially request the regional Onchocerciasis Control Project in West Africa to have its staff include surveillance of dracunculiasis in their ongoing village-to-village surveillance activities.