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Further studies are under way to assess more fully the incidence and seriousness of adverse effects, with a view to a re-evaluation of the conditions and indications for use of MER/29. We will appreciate any information you may contribute from your clinical experience with MER/29.

Sincerely,

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Director of Medical Research.

U.S. Government Memorandum.

WM. S. MERRELL Co.,
Cincinnati, Ohio, February 13, 1962.

To : Bureau of Field Administration.
From : Cincinnati District.
Subject : MER 29 ; NDA 12-066 ; NDA 13-320.

For your information in connection with your consideration of the status of this new drug, the following interesting sidelight was recently encountered :

Mrs. Jo Jordan, who is the wife of a member of the same car pool of Inspector Rice, formerly worked at the Wm S. Merrell Company under Dr. King. She worked about two years ago during the time when the research was being done on the Mer 29.

Mrs. Jordan suspected that Dr. King falsified the records on the animal studies concerning the Mer 29 to make the reports look good.

After about one year working in the animal testing laboratories under Dr. King, Mrs. Jordan resigned her job because of dissatisfaction with the way Dr. King was running the work.

She feels very strongly that Dr. King was dishonest in his dealings with her and had no qualms about doctoring up the results of the studies.

THOMAS M. RICE,
Supervisory Inspector, Cincinnati District.

U.S. Government Memorandum.

WILLIAM S. MERRELL Co.,
Cincinnati, Ohio, February 27, 1962.

To : Bureau of Field Administration.
From : Cincinnati District.
Subject : Mer 29.

In response to your memo of February 23, 1962, Mrs. Jordan was interviewed the evening of February 26 and the following information was secured.

Mrs. Jo Jordan presently resides at 3825 Trebor Dr., Cincinnati 36, Ohio. She was somewhat reluctant to discuss the events which occurred while she was working at this firm, but agreed to do so provided the information was kept strictly confidential.

Mrs. Jordan is a graduate of Holmes High School in Covington, Kentucky. Following this, she worked one year in a hospital in the field of nursing, and worked with Dr. C. J. Hudson, who is an oral surgeon for six years. She worked as a technician at Wm. S. Merrell Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio for approximately 2 years during 1957 and 1958.

She was under the direction of Dr. William J. King, during the latter part of this period, and it was during this time that she was engaged in the study in toxicology on Mer 29 using monkeys.

Mrs. Jordan's duties included bleeding the monkeys, running blood counts, assisting with autopsies, making up capsules of Mer 29 and placebos for the control groups, assisting with dosing both control groups and drug groups by poking the respective capsules down the throats of the monkeys, weighing food the monkeys ate, weighing the monkeys periodically, checking the monkeys reactions, preparing the graphs following autopsy, etc.

She recalls that Mer 29 was used on this toxicological study for a number of weeks. There were three or four monkeys in the drug group and a similar number in a control group.

Mrs. Jordan carefully weighed up the capsules containing the Mer 29 for the drug group, and prepared similar capsules containing sugar for the control group. The capsules of sugar were poked down the throats of the con-