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Dear Sir:

From time to time readers of the Star, as well as visitors, ask the question, "Is this the only hospital of its kind in the United States?" To which we always reply, "Yes, in continental United States." Because of the interest in this subject we are planning to compile a lead article for an early issue of the Star under the caption something like this: "Hospitals for Hansen's disease under the American flag." The only such compilation I can find in our files is one issued by the Leonard Wood Memorial, "Notes on Leprosaria of the United States and Territories, February, 1950."

In the Leonard Wood Memorial notes we find: "Tinian Leprosarium, Marianas, Trust Territory of the Pacific: Operated by US Navy. Established in 1948 with 53 patients brought from YAP in the Carolinas where they had been collected from the Marianas, Marshalls, Eastern and Western Carolinas. The Staff consists of one Naval Medical officer, one Warrant officer, four corpsmen and five native nurses. Operating cost expected to be about \$100,000 annually."

Would you please bring this information up to date for us as of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and any other pertinent data you wish to include. We should particularly like to know:

1. How many patients were under treatment at this hospital on July 1, 1955.
2. What drugs are employed.
3. How many patients discharged annually.
4. Do you have a rehabilitation program.

We should like to have several pictures (glossy prints, please) of the hospital there as we plan on illustrating the article.

Your cooperation is warmly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Stanley Stein
Stanley Stein,
Editor

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