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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

Feb. 1 . . . Two medical researchers from the National Institute of

Neurological Diseases and Blindness (NINDB), studying two rare

diseases, were in Saipan January 30 to February 1 to meet with the

High Commissioner and Acting Director of Public Health Dr. Luke

A. Howe and his staff. Jacob A. Brody, M. D., Chief, Epidemiology

Branch of the NINDB, Bethesda, Maryland, and Kwang-Ming Chen, M. D.,

Chief, NINDB Research Center, Guam, were here to discuss previous,

present and future research. They also visited the Dr. Torres Hospital.

The U. S. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, have been studying chronic neurologic diseases in Guam and the Trust Territory for the past 12 years. They maintain a permanent staff at Guam Memorial Hospital. Their work primarily includes investigations concerning amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and parkinsonism dementia.

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