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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Medical Staff

SUBJECT: Alcohol Antagonists

1. Information would be appreciated regarding the availability and the effectiveness of alcohol antagonists that might be prepared in liquid, pill or capsule form for

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2. Recently, when interest in this subject developed, a non-professional survey of the problem, which is attached, revealed four possible approaches to the subject which apparently have not been exhaustively studied.

a. Use of alcohol antagonists before drinking.

- (1) Benzadrins.
- (2) Purvatin.

b. Absorption of alcohol in the digestive tract.

- (1) Charcoal
- (2) Aluminum gel preparations.

c. Heavy eating of starches and sugars before and while drinking.

d. Accelerated alcohol oxidation (elimination).

- (1) Enzyme adjuvants, such as nicotinic acid.

3. Your opinions and suggestions on this subject would be appreciated at your earliest convenience.

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Attachment: 1
"Intoxication, Alcohol Absorption and Antagonists"

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