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General B. O. Davis, Sr.
1721 S Street **N.W.**
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear General:

I am making some researches into the history of yellow fever epidemics and the Negro. I am especially interested in knowing about the participation of Negro army units in the experimental production of yellow fever in man by exposure to the mosquito which carries the virus of yellow fever. I understand that the men of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry were involved in some of these experiments. It occurred to me that perhaps the 24th Infantry of which I recall you were a member may have participated in such experiments in Panama or elsewhere.

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This information I am getting together in connection with data that is to be presented in the Emancipation Centennial, which is to be held next summer in Chicago. The specific information that I need at this time is instances of participation by Negroes experimentally in the medical field, particularly as patients.

I am a friend of the James McLendons in Chicago, and my brother was an R.O.T.C. officer of yours at Wilberforce University. The information which I am requesting I thought you could give in the form of personal notes or give me references to information along this line. It will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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