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Date: 15 March 1993

From: Chief, VPH/CDS

To: Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs
11A, Avenue de La Paix, 1202 Geneva
Fax No.: 738 32 92

Our ref.:
VPH-Z2/180/5

Subject:
ALLEGED INCREASE IN CASES OF ANTHRAX IN IRAN

TEXT

FOR THE ATTENTION OF DR M. KAPLAN, SECRETARY GENERAL:

Dear Dr Kaplan,

On the following pages please find copy of the facsimile received from the WHO Representative in the Islamic Republic of Iran in reply to our inquiry on the alleged increase in cases of anthrax in Iran.

Yours sincerely,

Dr F.-X. Meslin
Chief, Veterinary Public Health
Division of Communicable Diseases

Copied to Meselson

Copies to:

FROM :

PHONE NO. : → Chief VPH

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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTE

Date: 7 March 1993

Subject: SPREAD OF ANTHRAX, BRUCELLOSIS AND CHOLERA IN IRAN

*With the compliments
Of the
World Health Organization
and the
WHO Representative
in I. R. Iran*

Received in EMI
IF 29 / 08
08 MAR 1993

با تقدیم احترامات
سازمان جهانی بهداشت

و
نماینده سازمان جهانی بهداشت
در جمهوری اسلامی ایران

Re your fax No. 10615 dated 2 March 1993, enclosed please find VCH response for your kind information and any necessary action.
For: Chief, VPH /CS:

send
information
related to
Anthrax to
M. Kaplan in
USA

2/03

cc: IDP/EVC

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جمهوری اسلامی ایران
وزارت بهداشت، ارمان و آموزش پزشکی

4 March 1993

Office of the who representative

Subject: Refuse of falsehood

News about spread of Anthrax,

Brucellosis and cholera in Iran

NO ACTION ACKNOWLEDGED

RECEIVED

07 MAR 1993

ACTION TAKEN

Dear Dr. Soliman,

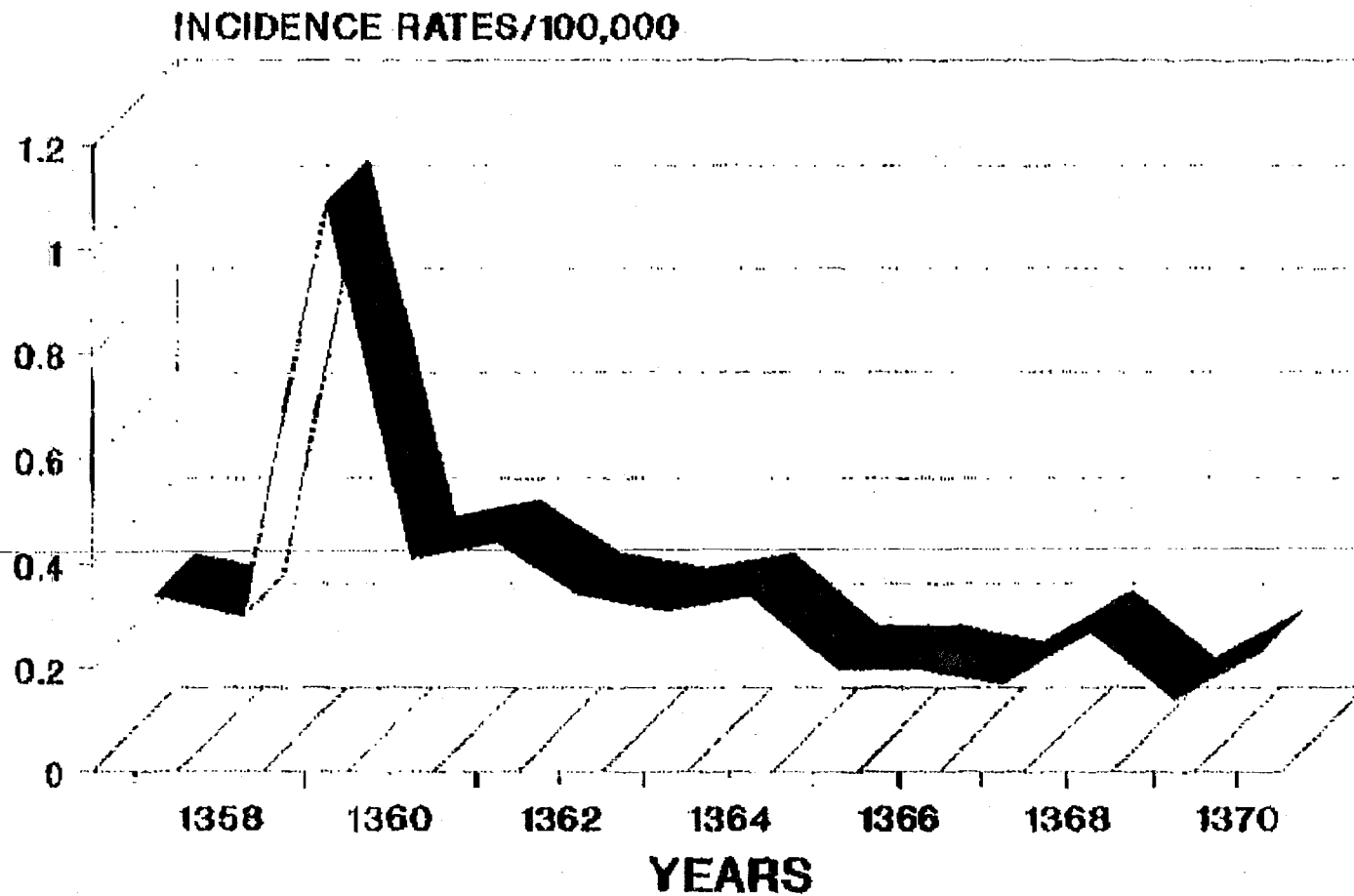
Refer to facsimile dated 2nd March 1993 about falsehood news of great increase in the number of cases of anthrax, brucellosis and cholera, I like to inform you that fortunately these news are quite wrong and the incidence rate of these diseases have declined in this year in comparison with the last year.

The incidence rate of anthrax, brucellosis, rabies from (1987-1991) 1367 to 1370 Iranian year and the number of the rabies by provinces and also the mean incidence rate of pulmonary TB. for 3 years intervals, sputum-positive pulmonary TB. incidence rates (1989-1992), pulmonary tuberculosis incidence rates (1962-1974) and pulmonary TB. incidence rates of recent four years are attached.

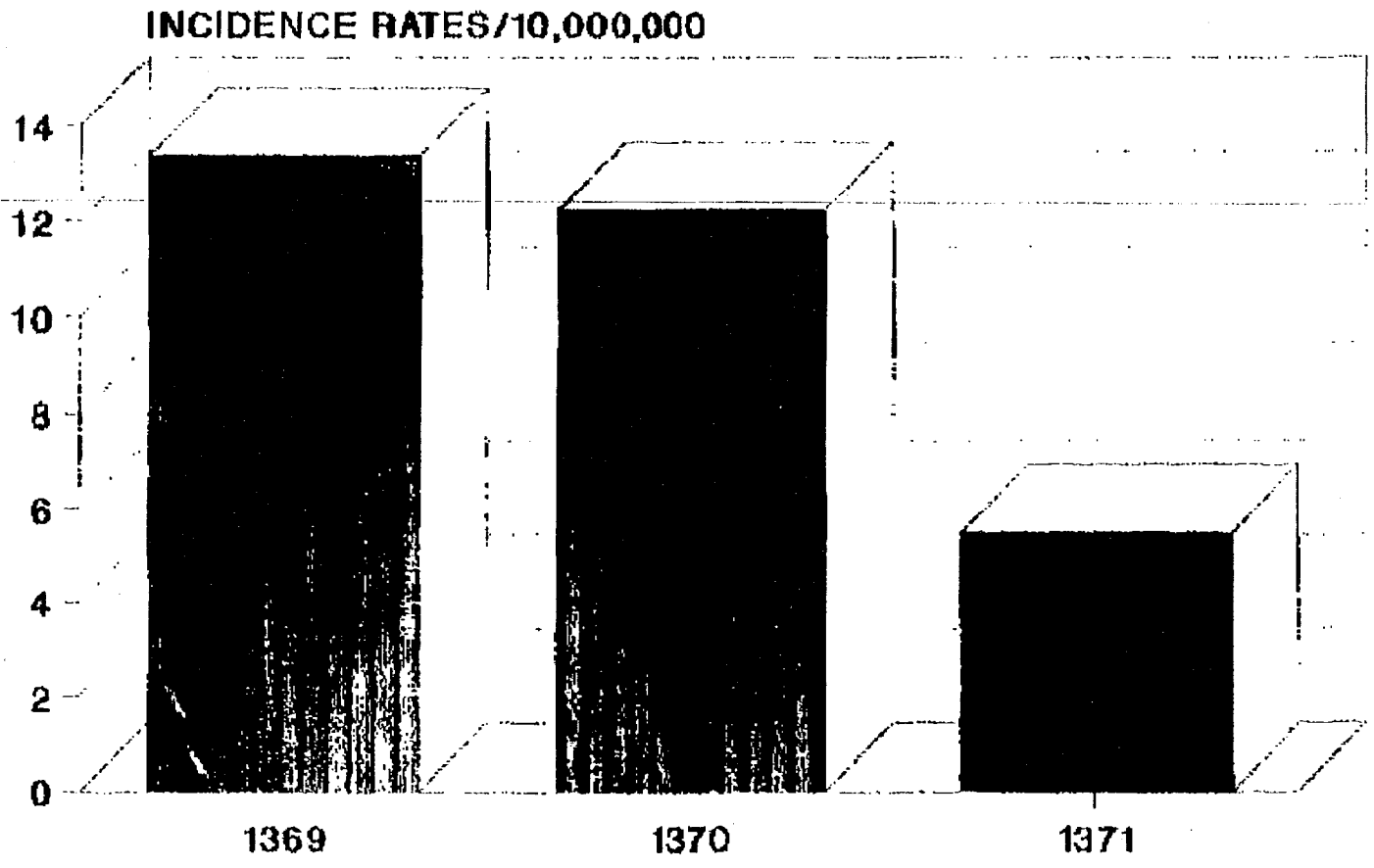
The recent reports of the newspapers of the western countries like International Herald Tribune (25 Feb) and New York times (24th Feb) as a Harmonious Orchestra about increase of the diseases could not stop us to be always correct on notification.

Director of Diseases Control
Department
Dr. Axmoudeh Mohammad

TREND OF ANTHRAX INCIDENCE RATES (IRAN = 1978-1991)



The first 9 months (MAR-DEC) incidence rates of anthrax (Iran ~ 1990-1992)



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ANTHRAX CASES IN 1960---1971

ICDS	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971 *
BAH	16	60	14	13	15	3	23	5	6	3	1	0
SABT	0	0	4	35	30	10	21	3	22	6	1	1
SH	4	10	5	1	4	1	2	6	1	0	0	0
MINMAN	3	10	10	16	32	10	6	10	15	4	1	4
AZARDKYJA	35	39	16	0	0	2	2	2	7	15	0	6
AZARDKYJA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	1
HANDHAIAN	1	1	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	9	0
ZHUSTAN	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
U	19	0	23	7	36	21	6	2	9	23	10	6
MANH	21	12	19	1	10	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
ORBAN	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	7	4	1
FRAY	2	0	1	0	1	0	5	6	43	0	1	1
H. HAOCHETA	16	0	0	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
RUDESTAN	12	3	7	5	3	4	1	0	12	0	2	3
SHHIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
WAZGAN	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUDESTAN	0	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
BAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
MINMAN	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	25	2	3	0	0
ARHAI. BKH	1	0	4	0	0	1	4	0	3	3	2	0
UD	4	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
UMALOVLI. HO	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
BIRMI	3	4	0	5	2	11	0	4	1	0	3	4
ANDAN	3	9	12	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	2
CEAL	152	175	124	123	150	70	80	69	126	75	101	33

1ST 9 MONTHS OF THE YEAR

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