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COUNTRY: (U) CUBA (CU).

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SUMMARY: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS CONDUCTED AT DIFFERENT FACILITIES IN CUBA.


THE LABORATORY OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY COLLABORATES WITH THE NEURONIC TEAM FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE PEDRO KOURI INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE HAS THREE DISTINCT MISSIONS, I.E., TEACHING, RESEARCH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

2. CUBAN FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH BIOTECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH.

A. NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LABORATORY ANIMALS. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LABORATORY ANIMALS (CENTRO NACIONAL DE PRODUCCION DE ANIMALES DE LABORATORIO - CENPALAB) IS LOCATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEJUCAL.
This is a relatively new facility surrounded by a fence 5 feet high. The building in which animals are bred and kept is a large one-story facility with many corridors. Numerous veterinarians work at the CENPALAB. All of the animals are disease free and include mice, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, monkeys and dogs (beagles). These animals are used in experimental research and also sold on the international market. The facility housed an incinerator.

B. (C) National Center for Biopreparations. National Center for Biopreparations (Centro Nacional de Biopreparados - BIOCEN) is located at Bejucal and near CENPALAB. This is a large one-story building with many corridors. Hemoderivatives, such as leukocytic masses and plasma, are processed here.

C. (C) The Center for Micro-Electronic Research. The Center for Micro-Electronic Research (CIME) is part of the Higher Polytechnic Institute at Jose Antonio Echevarria. The CIME participated in the design and manufacture of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment for the Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Center (Centro de Ingenieria Genetica Biotecnologica - CITGB). The CIME has developed biosensors for biological energy (heat sensor) and brain mapping.

D. (C) The Center for Scientific Information. The Center for Scientific Information (Centro de Informacion Cientifica) is located opposite the Cuban Academy of Science in Havana. The Center for Scientific Information is part of the Cuban Academy of Science. All indices of published works and patents are located here and all international publications are received here. Some research centers may receive their own individual copies. Scientists interested in receiving specific journals must request them through their place of employment, pay for requested item, and read it at the Center for Scientific Information. Photocopying is available; however, there is always a problem with the machine and a shortage of paper and ink. The National Center for Scientific Research (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas - CENIC) and the CIGB are connected via computer link to the Center for Scientific Information.

E. (C) Center for Medical Sciences. The Center for Medical Sciences (El Centro de Ciencia Medica) is located between 23rd Street and 0 Street at Vedado, Havana City.

F. (U) Institute of Fundamental Brain Research.

(1) (C) Mission. The Institute of Fundamental Brain Research coordinates its research with the Biology Faculty of the University of Havana and the Aquarium's Institute of Oceanology. This facility provides all neurotoxins and supplies to the other research centers. Neurotoxins are produced in small amounts, but Cuba has the capability to chemically synthesize some of them. Scientists at the Institute study the molecular structure of a compound and the reaction modes of synthesis. The Institute offers training and
COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES BUT NO FOREIGNERS WORK THERE.

G. (U) THE IBERO CENTER FOR TRANSPLANTS AND NERVOUS TISSUE REGENERATION.
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