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1. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH ANNOUNCED AUG 8 THAT BORDER WITH BRAZIL HAD BEEN CLOSED  
AUG 2 TO PREVENT SPREAD OF MENINGITIS FROM THAT COUNTRY TO  
BOLIVIA. ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PERSONS WITH MEDICAL CERTIFICATE  
ATTESTING TO THEIR GOOD HEALTH ON BASIS OF "LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS"  
MIGHT BE ADMITTED AFTER EXAMINATION BY BORDER AUTHORITIES.

ACCORDING TO DR. GAMARRA OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRANSMISSIBLE  
DISEASES, PERSONS ARRIVING BY AIR OR GROUND FROM OTHER  
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL BE CLOSELY CHECKED FOR MENINGITIS  
SYMPTOMS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY, NO CASES OF MENINGITIS HAVE BEEN  
REPORTED IN BOLIVIA AS YET. DOCTORS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO  
REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS CASES TO PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGISTS.

3. DR. GAMARRA TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT TYPE C VACCINE HAD  
BEEN REQUESTED FROM PAHO IN ANY QUANTITY IT CAN PROVIDE.  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT STATED SAME REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE  
OF WHO.

4. REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER NOTES THAT QUALIFIED MEDICAL  
PERSONNEL ARE NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE AT MOST FRONTIER TRANSIT  
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POINTS AND THAT CONTROL MAY NOT BE VERY EFFECTIVE.

5. RMO BELIEVES MENINGITIS OUTBREAK IN BRAZIL DOES NOT  
PRESENT SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO MISSION PERSONNEL.  
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