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FROM DR. DONALD FRANCIS

1. Arrived with BRES Tuesday, Oct 19, and discussed entire situation with Ministry of Health. Ministry confident and cooperative. Remainder of WHO Team Simpson, Smith, Highton, and unknown zoologist arriving 20 Oct. After ~~xxxxx~~ strategy meeting plan departure Juba 21 Oct. South still ~~quarantined~~ quarantined from North. Will take a military plane. I plan immediate departure Maridi to make camp. Radio available there for messages.

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2. Epidemiologic situation fairly well described from hospital admission data. Epidemiologists here trace index case as an unknown Nigerian male of about 32 years old, in border trade across Zaire border. Onset about 15 June and died in village Nzara, Sudan, five days later. Twenty-eight cases followed in Nzara with three cases imported into Lirangu and one to Maridi Hospital. Nzara and Lirangu supposedly inactive now. But Maridi Hospital outbreak was a disaster. 120 bed hospital with 83 cases to date. 48 in last week of September and two so far this week. 40 total cases in hospital staff, including 14 nurses and one doctor.
3. Five cases were transported to Juba in August and September. One fatal case occurred in a nurse subsequently. No cases in October. Two Juba cases - one August - one September brought to Khartoum. No secondary cases in Khartoum. Total cases about 120 with 65 deaths.
4. In summary, smoldering community outbreak of ~~hemorrhagic~~ hemorrhagic fever with 50 percent mortality in hospitalized patients. One large hospital associated outbreak in Maridi. Peak of outbreak has passed. Transmission due to close contact with active cases. Nosocomial spread apparently interrupted by isolation precautions. Disease clinically ~~xxx~~ similar to Marburg. Only two cases this week in Maridi.
5. Outlook for human serologic and in-depth epidemiologic investigation good. Liquid nitrogen available.

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If source truly from Zaire I doubt X zoologic-entomologic investigation very fruitful. Please inform Zaire Team. Also, I will camp in Maridi if they get to border. If logistics OK will get plasma.

6. Good to be back in this fine country.

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