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FACT SHEET

CONQUEST OF CANCER

Earlier Actions Conquest of Cancer

1. On January 22, 1971 the President announced in the State of the Union Message that he would seek an additional \$100 million for cancer research.
2. On May 11, 1971 the President announced that legislation was being sent to the Congress to establish a cancer cure program within the National Institute of Health, with the Director of the new agency reporting directly to the President.
3. On May 26, 1971 the President commended the Congress for including his request for an additional \$100 million to launch an intensive campaign to find a cure for cancer in the Second Supplemental Appropriation bill which he signed on May 25, 1971. This additional \$100 million, when added to the regular FY'72 appropriation, gave the National Cancer Institute a \$337.5 million compared to \$180 million during the first half of FY '72.
4. On October 18, 1971 the President announced that the Army's Biological Defense Research Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland would be converted into a leading center for Cancer Research as part of the major campaign to conquer cancer.
5. On December 23, 1971 the President signed the National Cancer Act of 1971. The Act provided increased authorities and responsibilities for the Director of the National Cancer Institute, who will report directly to the President on matters concerning the programs and the budget of the National Cancer Institute. The Act authorized the Director of the National Cancer Institute, which will be located within the National Institutes of Health, to:
 - Plan and develop an expanded, intensified, and coordinated cancer research program encompassing the programs of the National Cancer Institute, related programs of the other research institutes, and other Federal and non-Federal programs, with the advice of the National Cancer Advisory Board.
6. On January 31, 1972 the President appointed the three members of the Cancer Panel -- Benno C. Schmidt, Chairman, Dr. Robert A. Good and Dr. R. Lee Clark.
7. On March 7, 1972 the President appointed the 23 members of the National Cancer Advisory Board.
8. On April 26, 1972 the President asked the Congress that an additional \$40 million be appropriated for cancer research.
9. On May 5, 1972 President Nixon met with Frank J. Rauscher, Jr. and appointed him as Director of the National Cancer Institute.
10. During President Nixon's visit to the USSR in May of 1972 a Joint Health Agreement highlighting cooperative research in the cancer field was signed by Secretary of State William F. Rogers and the USSR Minister of Health Boris Petrovsky on May 23, 1972.
11. On August 8 Soviet Health Minister Boris Petrovsky visited with the President at the White House to discuss plans to carry out the Joint US-USSR cancer research program.

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12. On September 28, 1972 at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, the American Cancer Society presented an award to the President for his leadership in establishing the Conquest of Cancer Program.

13. On January 29, 1973 the President requested \$500 million for the expanded attack on cancer for FY '74.

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