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**Executive Order 9708—Specifying
Communicable Diseases for the Purpose
of Regulations Providing for the
Apprehension, Detention, or Conditional
Release of Individuals to Prevent the
Introduction, Transmission, or Spread of
Communicable Diseases**

March 26, 1946

WHEREAS section 361 of the Public Health Service Act, approved July 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 703), authorizes the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, with the approval of the Federal Security Administrator, to make and enforce such regulations as in his judgment are necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases from foreign countries into the States or possession, or from one State or possession into any other State or possession;

WHEREAS subsection (b) of the said section provides that regulations so prescribed shall not provide for the apprehension detention, or conditional release of individuals except for the purpose of preventing the introduction, transmission, or spread of such communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time in Executive orders of the President upon the recommendation of the National Advisory Health Council and the Surgeon General; and

WHEREAS the National Advisory Health Council and the Surgeon General have recommended that the communicable diseases hereinafter named by specified pursuant to the said subsection (b):

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Public Health Service Act, and as President of the United States, the following-named communicable diseases are hereby specified pursuant to subsection 361(b) of the Public Health Service Act:

Anthrax, Chancroid, Cholera, Dengue, Diphtheria, Favus, Gonorrhoea, Granuloma Inguinale, Infectious Encephalitis, Leprosy, Lymphogranuloma Venereum, Meningococcus Meningitis, Plague, Poliomyelitis, Psittacosis, Ringworm of the Scalp, Scarlet Fever, Smallpox, Streptococic Sore Throat, Syphilis, Trachoma, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever, Typhus, Yellow Fever.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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