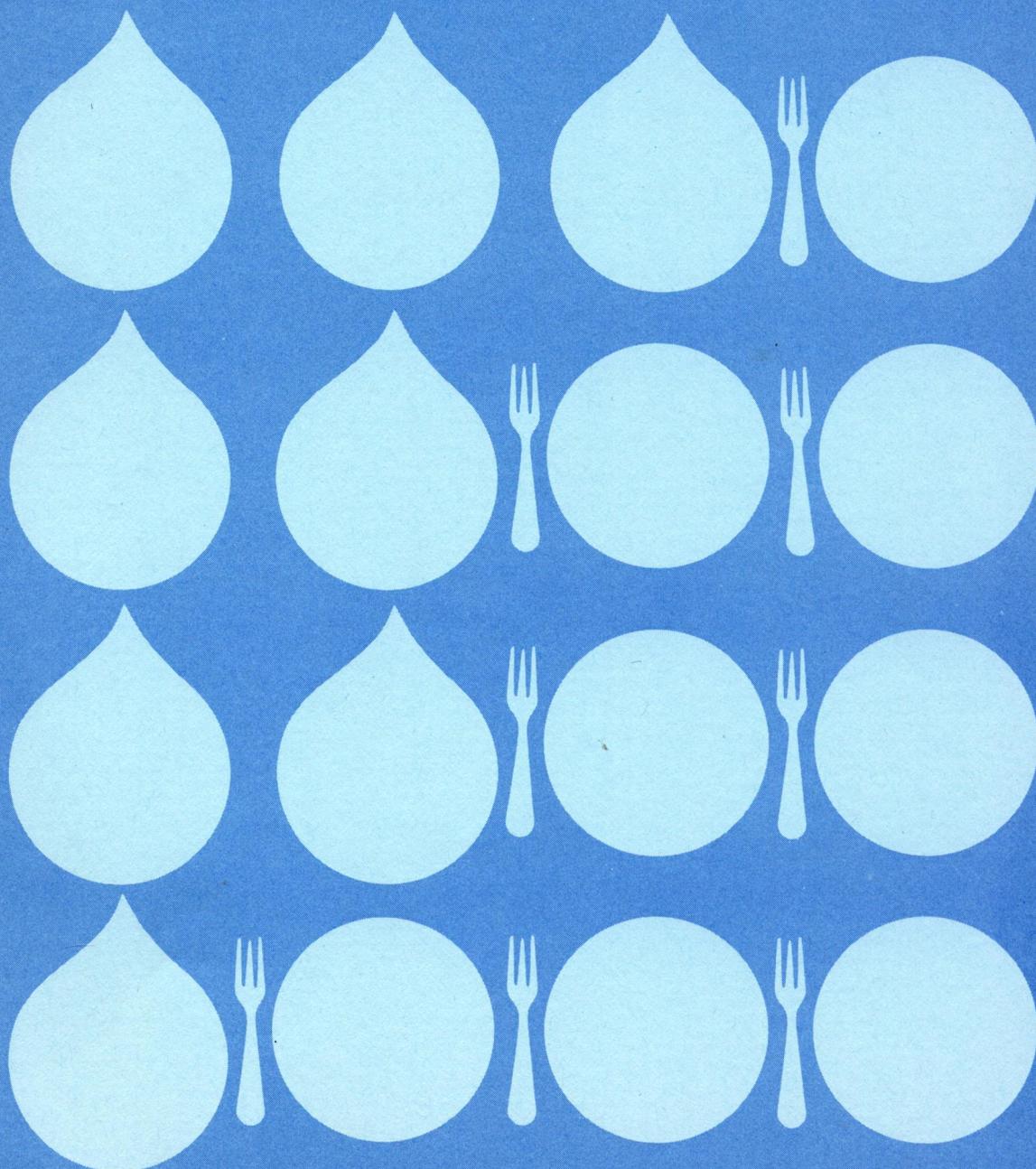


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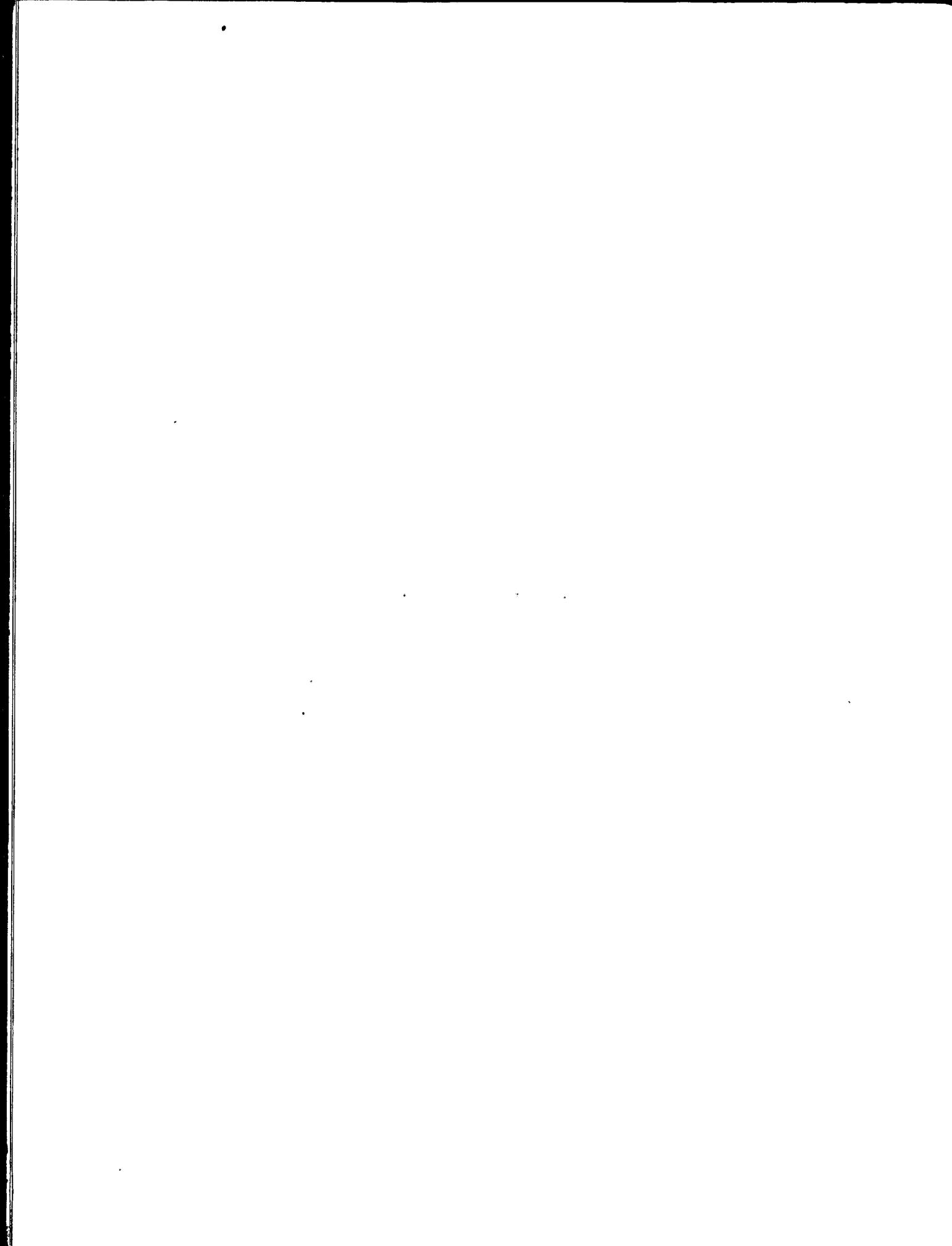
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## I. INTRODUCTION

The reporting of foodborne and waterborne diseases in the United States began about 50 years ago when state and territorial health officers, concerned about the high morbidity and mortality caused by typhoid fever and infantile diarrhea, recommended that cases of enteric fever be investigated and reported. Their purpose was to obtain information about the role of food, milk, and water in outbreaks of intestinal illness as the basis for sound public health action. Beginning in 1923, the United States Public Health Service published summaries of outbreaks of gastrointestinal illness attributed to milk. In 1938, it added summaries of outbreaks caused by all foods. These early surveillance efforts led to the enactment of important public health measures which had a profound influence in decreasing the incidence of enteric diseases, particularly those transmitted by milk and water.

From 1951 through 1960, the National Office of Vital Statistics reviewed reports of outbreaks of foodborne illness and published summaries of them annually in Public Health Reports. In 1961, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), then the Communicable Disease Center, assumed responsibility for publishing reports on foodborne illness. For the period 1961-66, CDC discontinued publication of annual reviews, but reported pertinent statistics and detailed individual investigations in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

In 1966, the present system of surveillance of foodborne and waterborne diseases began with the incorporation of all reports of enteric disease outbreaks attributed to microbial or chemical contamination of food or liquid vehicles into an annual summary. Since 1966, the quality of investigative reports has improved primarily as a result of more active participation by state and federal agencies in the investigation of foodborne and waterborne outbreaks. In this report, data from foodborne and waterborne disease outbreaks reported to CDC in 1975 are summarized.

Foodborne and waterborne disease surveillance has traditionally served 3 objectives:

1. Disease Control: Early identification and removal of contaminated products from the commercial market, correction of faulty food preparation practices in food service establishments and in the home, and identification and appropriate treatment of human carriers of foodborne pathogens are the fundamental control measures resulting from surveillance of foodborne disease. Identification of contaminated water sources and adequate purification of these sources are the primary control measures in the surveillance of waterborne disease outbreaks. Rapid reporting and thorough investigation of outbreaks are important for prevention of subsequent outbreaks.

2. Knowledge of Disease Causation: The responsible pathogen has not been identified in 30 to 60% of foodborne disease outbreaks reported to CDC in each of the last 5 years. In many of these outbreaks, pathogens known to cause foodborne illness may not have been identified because of late or incomplete laboratory investigation. In others, the responsible pathogen may have escaped detection even when a thorough laboratory investigation was carried out because the pathogen is not yet appreciated as a cause of foodborne disease or because it cannot yet be identified by available laboratory techniques. These pathogens might be identified and suitable measures to control diseases caused by them might be instituted as a result of thorough clinical, epidemiologic and laboratory investigations. Pathogens suspected of being but not yet determined to be etiologic agents in foodborne disease include Group D streptococcus, Yersinia enterocoliticus, Citrobacter, Enterobacter, Klebsiella, Pseudomonas, and the presumably viral agents of acute infectious non-bacterial gastroenteritis. Other pathogens such as Escherichia coli and Bacillus cereus are known causes of foodborne illness, but the extent and importance of their role have

not as yet been determined. The etiologic agent(s) responsible for the majority of waterborne outbreaks also awaits identification. In waterborne disease, as in foodborne disease, the roles of a variety of viral and bacterial agents, e.g. Yersinia enterocolitica, remain to be clarified.

3. Administrative Guidance: The collection of data from outbreak investigations permits assessment of trends in etiologic agents and food vehicles and focuses on common errors in food and water handling. By compiling the data in an annual summary, it is hoped that local and state health departments and others involved in the implementation of food and water protection programs will be kept informed of the factors involved in food and waterborne disease outbreaks. Comprehensive surveillance should result in a clearer appreciation of priorities in food and water protection, institution of better training programs, and more rational planning.

## II. FOODBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS

### A. Definition of Outbreak

For the purpose of this report a foodborne disease outbreak is defined as an incident in which

1. 2 or more persons experience a similar illness, usually gastrointestinal, after ingestion of a common food, and
2. epidemiologic analysis implicates the food as the source of the illness.

There are a few exceptions; 1 case of botulism or chemical poisoning constitutes an outbreak.

In this report outbreaks have been divided into 2 categories:

1. Laboratory confirmed--Outbreaks in which laboratory evidence of a specific etiologic agent is obtained and specified criteria are met (see Section G).
2. Undetermined etiology--Outbreaks in which epidemiologic evidence implicates a food source, but adequate laboratory confirmation is not obtained. These outbreaks are subdivided into 4 subgroups by incubation period of the illness--less than 1 hour (probable chemical, 1 to 7 hours (probable staph), 8 to 14 hours (probable Clostridium perfringens), and greater than 14 hours (other infectious agents).

### B. Source of Data

The general public and local, state, and federal agencies which have responsibility for public health and food protection participate in foodborne disease surveillance. Consumers, physicians, hospital personnel, and persons involved with food service or processing report complaints of illness to the health departments or regulatory agencies. Local health department personnel (epidemiologists, sanitarians, public health nurses, etc.) carry out most epidemiologic investigations of these reports and make their findings available to state health departments. State agencies concerned with food safety frequently participate in the initial investigation of the outbreak and offer laboratory support. Occasionally, on special request, CDC participates in an investigation, particularly if the outbreak is large or involves products that move in interstate commerce. State or other officials eventually summarize the findings of the investigation on the standard CDC reporting form (see Section F) and send to CDC.

The 2 federal regulatory agencies which have major responsibilities for food protection, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Department of Agriculture (USDA) report episodes of foodborne illness to CDC and to state and local health authorities. CDC and state and local health authorities, in turn, report to FDA or USDA any foodborne disease outbreaks which might involve commercial products. The U.S. Armed Forces also report outbreaks directly to CDC.

By special arrangement, pharmaceutical companies immediately report all requests for botulinum antitoxin to CDC. This is sometimes the first communication of a botulism outbreak to public health authorities, although physicians are urged to promptly report all suspect botulism cases. In botulism outbreaks, CDC works closely with physicians, state and local health authorities, and FDA or USDA representatives to provide diagnostic and therapeutic consultation and to rapidly identify the responsible food or foods.

For 1975 other sources of foodborne disease data were the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, the Salmonella Surveillance Activity, and the Trichinosis Surveillance Activity.

C. Interpretation of Data

The limitations on the quantity and quality of data in this report must be appreciated in order to avoid misinterpretation. The number of outbreaks of foodborne disease reported by this surveillance system clearly represents a minute fraction of the total number that occur. The likelihood of an outbreak coming to the attention of health authorities varies considerably from one locale to the next depending largely upon consumer awareness and physician interest.

Interstate outbreaks, large intrastate outbreaks, and outbreaks of serious illness such as botulism or mushroom poisoning with species containing amanita toxin are more likely to come to the attention of health authorities, including CDC. The quality of the investigation conducted by state or local health department varies considerably according to the department's interest in foodborne disease outbreaks and its investigative and laboratory capabilities. The likelihood that the findings of the investigation will be reported depends upon a state's commitment to foodborne disease surveillance.

Just as this report should not be the basis of firm conclusions about the absolute incidence of foodborne disease, it should not be used to draw conclusions about the relative incidence of foodborne disease of various etiologies (Table 2). For example, foodborne diseases characterized by short incubation periods such as most outbreaks of chemical etiology or outbreaks caused by staphylococcus are more likely to be recognized as common-source foodborne disease outbreaks than those diseases with longer incubation periods. The common source aspect of a foodborne outbreak of hepatitis A which typically has an incubation period of several weeks would be particularly likely to escape detection. Outbreaks of serious disease such as botulism or mushroom poisoning with species of mushrooms containing amanita toxin are probably more likely to be reported than less serious illnesses but, because of their rarity, they may be less likely to be recognized and diagnosed. Outbreaks of C. perfringens are recognized readily but confirmed with difficulty because of problems involved in the transport and culturing of anaerobic specimens. Outbreaks of B. cereus and E. coli are probably less likely to be confirmed because these organisms are less often considered clinically, epidemiologically, and in the laboratory.

The number of reported outbreaks of some etiologies may depend upon the interest of a particular health department or individual. For example, the great increase in the number of reported outbreaks of ciguatera in 1974 probably reflected greater interest in the surveillance of this disease in the states in which they occur. If a microbiologist becomes interested in looking for C. perfringens, he is likely to confirm more outbreaks of this etiology.

While the relative proportions of reported outbreaks attributed to most etiologies fluctuate minimally from year to year, it is worth noting that a few outbreaks involving very large numbers of persons may vastly alter the relative proportions of cases attributed to various etiologies (Tables 2 and 3).

Information on the number of deaths associated with outbreaks was unreported in 30% of the outbreaks. In many of the others, complete information was lacking. Particularly when death is not immediate, foodborne disease may not be appreciated as contributing to the demise of an elderly or debilitated person unable to withstand otherwise minor physical stresses. These limitations on the data must be appreciated in interpreting Table 4.

In outbreaks of unknown etiology, the accuracy of reported information is always suspect. In these outbreaks, when the epidemiology incriminating a particular food item was very weak, the food item was listed as unknown in this report (Table 6). Information on the place of acquisition in these outbreaks was judged reliable and recorded (Table 7). However, information on the place where food was mishandled in these outbreaks was generally judged unreliable; in many of them, the place of mishandling was listed as unknown (Table 8). Only in outbreaks in which a specific etiology was very much suspected, although unconfirmed in the laboratory, and in which

the information on mishandling was consistent with the suspected etiology was a known place of mishandling designated.

The implications of a food-processing establishment mishandling food are great both to the public health and the establishment concerned. Consequently the outbreaks attributed to mishandling at these establishments are thoroughly investigated and reported data carefully scrutinized. For these reasons, data obtained in these investigations is considered highly reliable (Tables 8 and 9).

Much is known about contributing factors in foodborne disease. Thus in most outbreaks of botulism and trichinosis, the food is usually inadequently cooked. In most of the outbreaks of bacterial etiology other than botulism and in outbreaks of scombroid (in which bacterial growth is responsible for toxin production), the food is usually stored at improper holding temperatures. In outbreaks of ciguatera, puffer fish poisoning, mushroom poisoning, and paralytic and neurotoxic shellfish poisoning, the food is obtained from an unsafe source, almost by definition. The investigators of foodborne disease outbreaks are usually aware of these contributing factors and consequently seek and find the appropriate factors. Sometimes, however, investigators report factors which are not known to be contributing to outbreaks of the type of etiology confirmed. In such cases the factors are considered in light of the evidence presented; if they are totally unsubstantiated, they are rejected. These considerations must be borne in the mind in interpreting Table 10.

There is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the data on month of occurrence of outbreaks presented in Table 11.

#### D. Analysis of Data

In 1975 there were 497 outbreaks of foodborne disease involving 18,260 cases. This is the largest number of outbreaks reported in a single year to the CDC Foodborne Disease Surveillance Activity (Figure 1). An etiology was confirmed in 38% (191) of the outbreaks--similar to the percentage of confirmed outbreaks in 1974 (44%) and in 1973 (41%).

Of the 497 outbreaks, state, local, or territorial health departments reported 465 (94%). The Trichinosis Surveillance Activity reported 13 (2.6%), the USDA or FDA reported 10 (2.0%), private physicians reported 2 (0.4%), U.S. Armed Forces reported 3 (0.6%), Salmonella Surveillance Activity reported 1 (0.2%), and MMWR was the source of information on 1 (0.2%).

Outbreaks were reported from 43 states, New York City, and Guam (Figure 2 and Table 1). No outbreaks were reported from 7 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Canal Zone. Two outbreaks involved more than 1 state. The 3 state health departments reporting the most outbreaks were Washington, California, and Florida. Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Tennessee reported substantially more outbreaks in 1975 than in 1974 and 1973. The large number of outbreaks reported from these states undoubtedly reflects the interest of the respective state health departments in foodborne disease surveillance. The 120 outbreaks in New York City represents a 60-fold increase from 1974, probably reflecting increased reporting.

Of the 191 confirmed outbreaks, the etiology was bacterial in 123 (64%), chemical in 43 (23%), parasitic in 22 (12%), and viral in 3 (1.6%) (Table 2). While outbreaks of bacterial etiology accounted for only 64% of the outbreaks, they accounted for 92% of the cases. The bulk of the cases of bacterial etiology were caused by staphylococcus. The numbers of salmonella and C. perfringens outbreaks in 1975 were similar to 1974, however, the lack of large outbreaks resulted in a reduction in the number of cases caused by each etiology (Table 3). The 14 outbreaks and 19 cases of botulism were both less than in 1974, when the largest number of botulism outbreaks since 1935 was reported. The number of T. spiralis outbreaks (20) and cases (193) were both increased over the 2 previous years.

No outbreaks (2 or more persons) of foodborne brucellosis were reported in 1975. However, 24 single cases of brucellosis were attributed to the ingestion of unpasteurized dairy products. Eight cases were traced to milk produced in the United States, and 16 were attributed to foreign dairy products consumed outside the United States. The foreign dairy products included cow's and goat's milk and goat's milk cheese.

Table 5 lists the outbreaks of undetermined etiology by median incubation periods. If one assumes that most outbreaks in which the median incubation period was less than 1 hour were of chemical etiology, that those in which the median incubation period was 1-7 hours were of staphylococcal etiology, and that those in which the median incubation period was 8-14 hours were caused by C. perfringens, then these agents were responsible for substantially more outbreaks than suggested in Table 2.

The vehicles of transmission were identified in 378 (76%) of the outbreaks (Table 6); multiple vehicles were involved in 43 (8.9%). Of the 335 outbreaks in which a single vehicle was identified, meats or poultry were incriminated in 147 (44%), fish or shellfish in 51 (15%), dairy products in 18 (5%), fruits or vegetables in 12 (4%), salads including chicken, turkey, potato, and egg in 29 (9%), mushrooms in 5 (2%), Chinese food in 22 (7%), Mexican food in 15 (5%), non-dairy beverages in 11 (3%) and other foods in 25 (7%). Of the meat vehicles beef and ham were most frequently incriminated. Of the fish vehicles grouper and tuna were most frequently responsible.

In 1975 as in the past, C. botulinum outbreaks most frequently involved home canned vegetables, C. perfringens outbreaks usually involved beef, and staphylococcus outbreaks most often involved meat, particularly ham. Salmonella outbreaks were caused by many different vehicles including meat, poultry, dairy products, and salads. Vibrio parahaemolyticus outbreaks involved fish or shellfish. The outbreaks of heavy metal poisoning all involved non-dairy beverages. Of the 19 ciguatera outbreaks, grouper accounted for 10, snapper for 3, po'ou for 2, kingfish for 2, and amberjack for 2. Of the 6 scombroid outbreaks, 3 involved tuna fish. T. spiralis outbreaks involved pork, sausage or ground beef.

In three-fourths of the outbreaks, the food was eaten at home (28%), in a restaurant (39%) or in a school (6%) (Table 7). In 11 of the 14 outbreaks of botulism, the food was eaten at home. Most chemical outbreaks occurred in the home, including 16 of 19 from ciguatoxin, all 4 mushroom outbreaks, and 4 of 6 outbreaks from other chemicals. Outbreaks caused by parasites usually occurred at home, but hepatitis outbreaks occurred at food service establishments.

The place where the mishandling of the food responsible for an outbreak occurred was specified in 275 outbreaks (Table 8). Of these, food service establishments were specified as responsible for the mishandling of food in 73%, homes in 22%, and food processing establishments in 5%. Food service establishments are locations where food is prepared for public consumption, i.e., restaurants, cafeterias, caterers, hospitals, industrial plants, etc. Food processing establishments are locations where a food is prepared for market. The distribution of places held responsible for mishandling of food in 1975 paralleled that of the 2 previous years. As in 1974 and 1973, the majority of outbreaks caused by C. perfringens, salmonella, and staphylococcus, in which a place of food mishandling was specified, were attributed to mishandling of food in food service establishments. In reported outbreaks of heavy metal poisoning, scombroid fish poisoning, and monosodium glutamate intoxication, places other than homes were found responsible for the foodhandling errors. In outbreaks of mushroom poisoning, incriminated foods were obtained by private individuals, rather than commercial sources, and eaten in homes. Since there is no practical way to distinguish fish containing ciguatoxin from fish which do not, and the presence of the toxin is not influenced substantially by the way the fish is handled or cooked, a place of food mishandling was not specified in outbreaks of ciguatera poisoning. In most reported outbreaks of trichinosis, the foodhandling error occurred in the home while in most reported outbreaks of hepatitis, it occurred away from home.

Of the 13 outbreaks attributed to mishandling of food in food processing establishments, 5 were due to bacteria, 4 to T. spiralis and 3 to chemicals (Table 9).

In 277 (56%) of the 497 outbreaks, including 127 (66%) of the 191 confirmed outbreaks, a contributing factor was reported and accepted in processing data (Table 10). The data reflected patterns of disease causation seen in previous years. In reported outbreaks of botulism, trichinosis, anisakiasis, and fish tapeworm infection, the most frequent error was inadequate cooking of the food. The outbreaks of trichinosis attributed to ground beef probably resulted from the addition of pork to the beef with subsequent inadequate cooking. Improper holding temperatures most frequently

contributed to reported outbreaks of C. perfringens, salmonella, staphylococcus, and scombroid fish poisoning. Storage of beverages in metal containers or in contact with tubing of a type which allowed metallic ions to dissolve in the beverage was the most important contributing factor in the outbreaks of heavy metal poisonings. In outbreaks of ciguatera mushroom poisoning, the food was unsafe to begin with. In the outbreaks of chemical poisoning caused by miscellaneous chemicals, the food was obtained from an unsafe source. In the 3 outbreaks of hepatitis a person suspected of having active hepatitis was involved in foodhandling.

The date of onset of an outbreak was designated as the date of onset of the first case (Table 11). Outbreaks as a whole were distributed more or less equally throughout the year. Outbreaks of botulism tended to occur most frequently in the fall, probably because that is when foods home-processed in the late spring and summer are eaten. Outbreaks caused by salmonella and staphylococcus tended to occur more frequently in the summer months probably because the warm temperatures encourage bacterial growth in unrefrigerated foods. Outbreaks of mushroom poisoning tended to occur in the spring and fall.

**Fig. 1** **FOODBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS AND CASES REPORTED TO CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, 1966-1975**

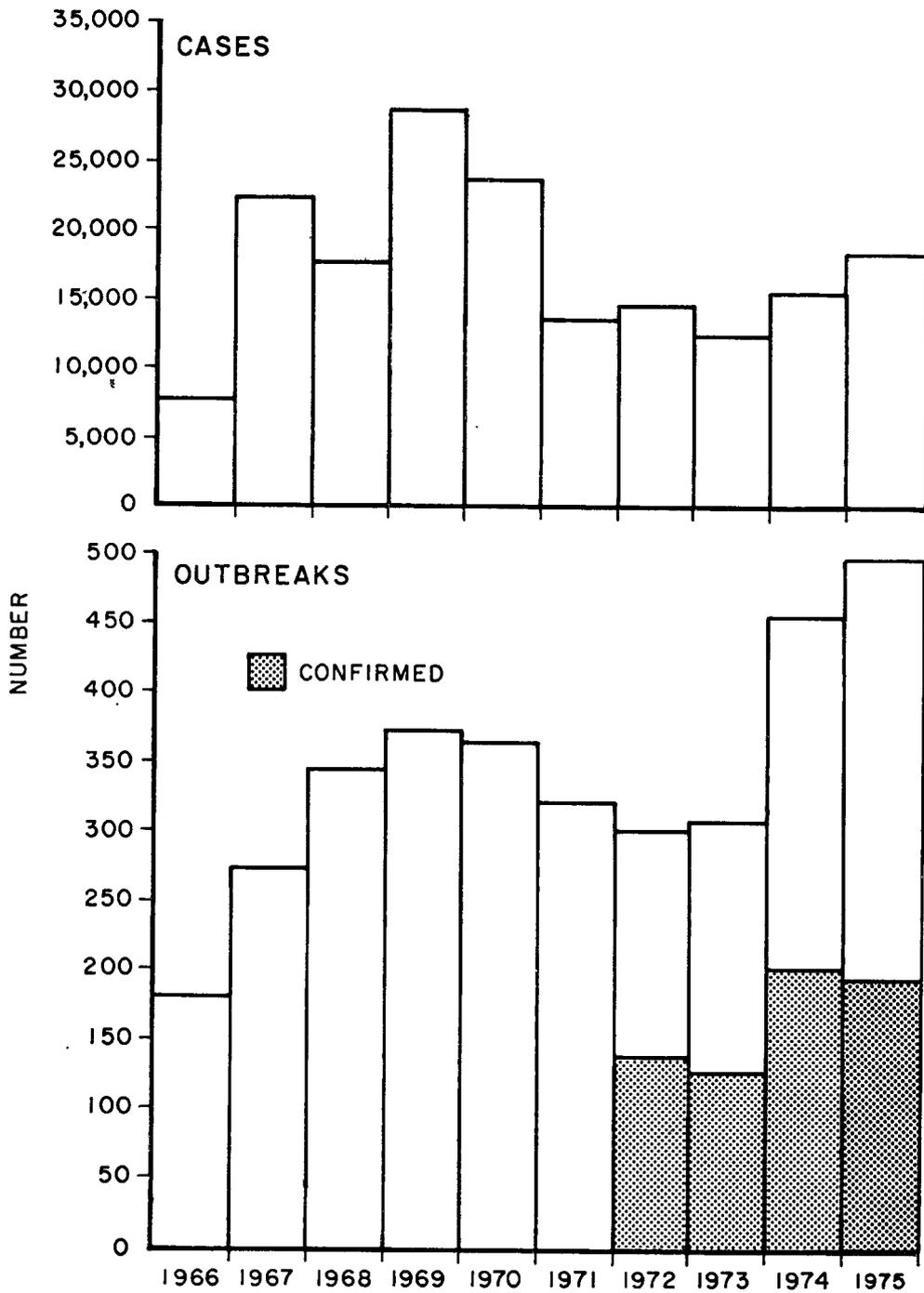


Fig. 2 REPORTED FOODBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS, 1975

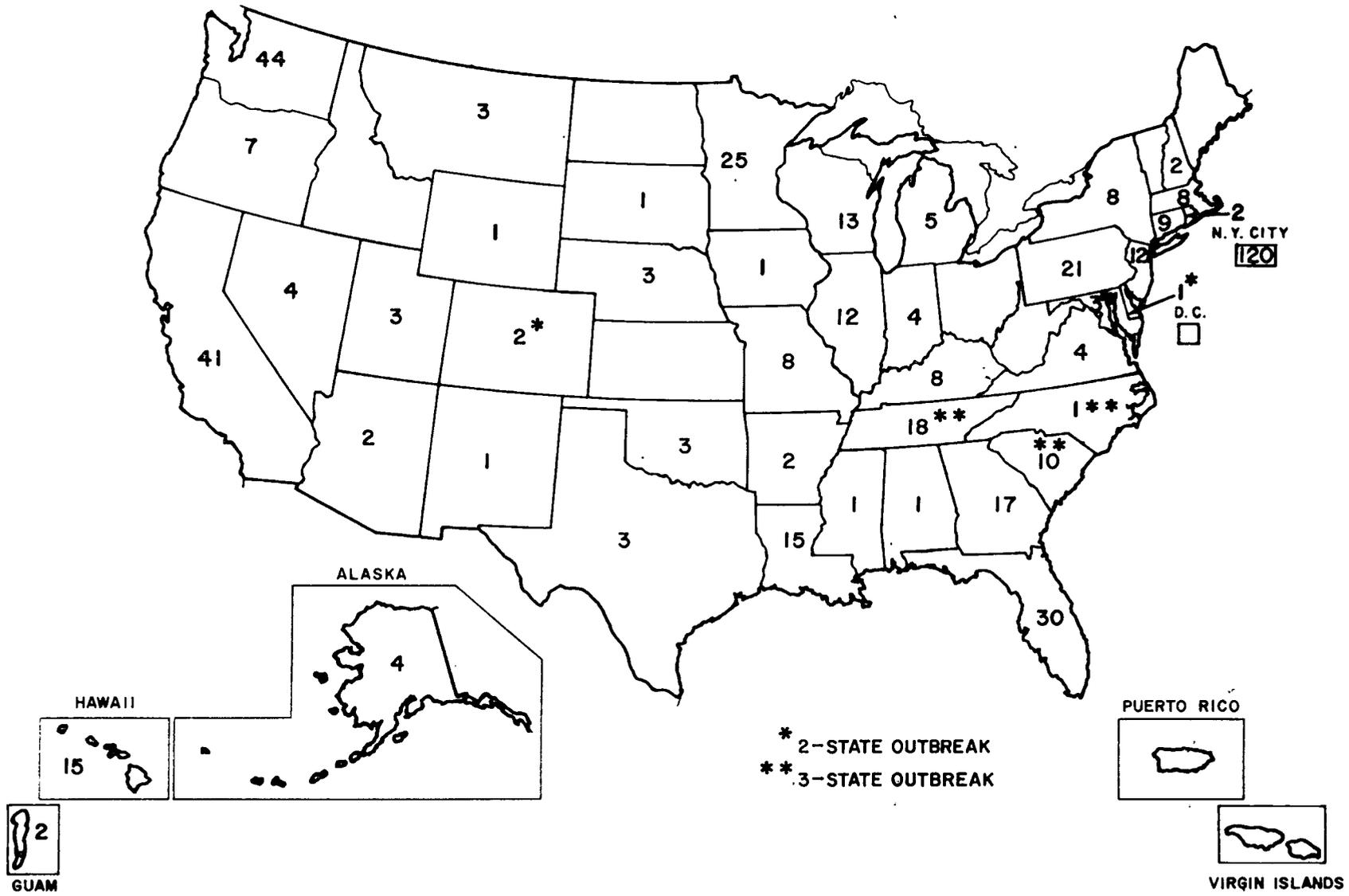


Table 1

## Foodborne Disease Outbreaks, by Location, 1973-1975

State	1973	1974	1975	State	1973	1974	1975
Alabama	0	4	1	Missouri	1	5	8
Alaska	3	5	4	Montana	1	0	3
Arizona	7	5	2	Nebraska	3	5	3
Arkansas	3	4	2	Nevada	0	1	4
California	39	32	41	New Hampshire	4	6	2
Colorado	4	6	1	New Jersey	9	10	12
Connecticut	1	4	9	New Mexico	1	0	1
Delaware	0	0	1	New York City	3	2	120
District of Columbia	0	2	0	New York State	1	22	8
Florida	2	15	30	North Carolina	3	4	0
Georgia	8	11	17	North Dakota	1	0	0
Hawaii	7	27	15	Ohio	2	20	0
Idaho	2	3	0	Oklahoma	1	3	3
Illinois	9	15	12	Oregon	13	8	7
Indiana	1	3	4	Pennsylvania	42	86	21
Iowa	0	4	1	Puerto Rico	2	1	0
Kansas	0	1	0	Rhode Island	1	2	2
Kentucky	2	1	8	South Carolina	3	7	9
Louisiana	3	5	15	South Dakota	0	5	1
Maine	1	0	0	Tennessee	8	6	17
Maryland	3	3	2	Texas	10	5	3
Massachusetts	2	1	8	Utah	12	7	3
Michigan	10	7	5	Vermont	2	2	0
Minnesota	8	14	25	Virginia	3	3	4
Mississippi	1	2	1	Washington	55	49	44
Other				West Virginia	5	6	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	Wisconsin	0	8	13
Guam and Trust Territories	0	4	2	Wyoming	0	0	1
Canal Zone	0	0	0	Multiple	5	5	2*,**

\*Colorado, Maryland

\*\*North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

1973 total 307  
 1974 total 456  
 1975 total 497

Table 2

## Confirmed Foodborne Disease Outbreaks and Cases by Etiology, 1975

<u>BACTERIAL</u>	<u>Outbreaks</u>		<u>Cases</u>	
	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	1	0.5	15	0.2
<u>B. cereus</u>	3	1.6	45	0.6
<u>C. botulinum</u>	14	7.3	19	0.3
<u>C. perfringens</u>	16	8.4	419	5.7
Salmonella	38	19.9	1573	21.3
Shigella	3	1.6	413	5.6
Staphylococcus	45	23.6	4067	55.1
Suspect Group D Streptococcus	1	0.5	50	0.7
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	2	1.0	222	3.0
<u>CHEMICAL</u>				
Heavy metal	4	2.1	50	0.7
Ciguatoxin	19	9.9	70	0.9
Scombrototoxin	6	3.1	16	0.2
Monosodium glutamate	3	1.6	9	0.1
Mushroom poison	5	2.6	5	0.07
Other Chemicals	6	3.1	38	0.5
<u>PARASITIC</u>				
<u>T. spiralis</u>	20	10.5	193	2.6
Anisakidae	1	0.5	1	0.01
<u>D. latum</u>	1	0.5	1	0.01
<u>VIRAL</u>				
Hepatitis A	3	1.6	173	2.3
Total Known Etiology	191	99.9	7379	99.9

Table 3

Confirmed Foodborne Disease Outbreaks and Cases  
1973--1975

	No. of Outbreaks (No. of Cases)		
	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
<u>BACTERIAL</u>			
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	0(0)	0(0)	1(15)
<u>B. cereus</u>	1(2)	1(11)	3(45)
Brucella	1(4)	0(0)	0(0)
<u>C. botulinum</u>	10(31)	21(32)	14(19)
<u>C. perfringens</u>	9(1,424)	15(863)	16(419)
Salmonella	33(2,462)	35(5,499)	38(1,573)
Shigella	8(1,388)	3(212)	3(413)
Staphylococcus	20(1,272)	43(1,565)	45(4,067)
Group A. Streptococcus	1(250)	1(325)	0(0)
<u>V. cholerae</u>	0(0)	1(6)	0(0)
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	1(2)	0(0)	2(222)
Suspect Group D Streptococcus	0(0)	2(38)	1(50)
<u>CHEMICAL</u>			
Heavy metals	0(0)	4(28)	4(50)
Ciguatoxin	0(0)	26(148)	19(70)
Puffer fish tetrodotoxin	0(0)	1(2)	0(0)
Scombrototoxin	12(326)	10(26)	6(16)
Monosodium glutamate	2(6)	2(4)	3(9)
Mushroom poison	9(41)	6(9)	5(5)
Paralytic shellfish poison	1(3)	1(4)	0(0)
Neurotoxic shellfish poison	1(4)	1(1)	0(0)
Miscellaneous chemicals	3(12)	6(19)	6(38)
<u>PARASITIC</u>			
<u>T. spiralis</u>	10(59)	14(58)	20(193)
<u>T. gondii</u>	0(0)	1(4)	0(0)
Anisakidae	0(0)	1(1)	1(1)
<u>D. latum</u>	0(0)	0(0)	1(1)
<u>VIRAL</u>			
Hepatitis A	5(425)	6(282)	3(173)

Table 4

## Deaths Associated with Foodborne Outbreaks, 1973-75

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
<u>C. botulinum</u>	4	7	2
<u>C. perfringens</u>	1	1	1
Salmonella	7	1	2
<u>V. cholerae</u>	0	1	0
Mushroom poison	1	0	2
Organic chemicals	0	2	0
<u>T. spiralis</u>	1	0	1
Hepatitis A	0	1	0
Unknown	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	15	14	10

Table 5

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks of Unknown Etiology  
by Incubation Period, 1975

<u>Incubation Period</u>	<u>Number of Outbreaks</u>	<u>Percent of Total Outbreaks</u>
<1 hour	12	3.9
1-7 hours	134	43.8
8-14 hours	73	23.8
>15 hours	38	12.4
Unknown	49	16.0
Total	306	99.9

Table 6

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks, by Vehicle of Transmission and Specific Etiology, 1975

	Beef	Lamb	Ham	Pork	Sausage	Chicken	Turkey	Other Meat	Shellfish	Other Fish	Milk	Ice Cream	Other Dairy Products	Baked Foods	Fruits and Vegetables	Potato Salad	Poultry, Fish, Egg Salad	Other Salads	Mushrooms	Chinese Food	Mexican Food	Non-Dairy Beverages	Multiple Vehicles	Other Foods	Unknown	Total	
<u>BACTERIAL</u>																											
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>B. cereus</u>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
<u>C. botulinum</u>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
<u>C. perfringens</u>	10	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	14
Salmonella	4	-	1	2	-	1	2	2	-	1	1	3	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	5	10	16	38
Shigella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	
Staphylococcus	2	-	16	2	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	1	-	1	1	-	-	8	1	45	
Suspect Group D streptococcus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
<u>CHEMICAL</u>																											
Heavy metal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	
Ciguatoxin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	
Scombrototoxin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Monosodium glutamate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	
Mushroom poison	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Other chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	6	
<u>PARASITIC</u>																											
<u>T. spiralis</u>	5	-	-	1	8	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	20
Anisakidae	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>D. latum</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>VIRAL</u>																											
Hepatitis A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
<u>UNKNOWN</u>																											
UNKNOWN	31	1	6	5	3	11	9	12	8	10	3	1	9	5	2	1	9	7	-	18	13	4	25	12	101	306	
TOTAL	54	1	23	11	11	14	13	20	9	42	4	5	9	11	12	4	16	9	5	22	15	11	43	14	119	497	

Table 7

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks, by Place of Acquisition  
and Specific Etiology, 1975

	Home	Restaurant	School	Picnic	Church	Camp	Other or Unknown	Total
<u>BACTERIAL</u>								
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>B. cereus</u>	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
<u>C. botulinum</u>	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	14
<u>C. perfringens</u>	4	9	-	1	-	-	2	16
Salmonella	12	7	1	2	5	2	9	38
Shigella	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
Staphylococcus	12	8	6	2	4	1	12	45
Suspect Group D Streptococcus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
<u>CHEMICAL</u>								
Heavy metal	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	4
Ciguatoxin	16	2	-	-	1	-	1	19
Scombrototoxin	1	4	1	1	1	-	1	6
Monosodium glutamate	-	3	1	1	1	1	-	3
Mushroom poison	4	-	-	1	1	1	1	5
Other chemicals	4	2	-	1	1	1	-	6
<u>PARASITIC</u>								
<u>T. spiralis</u>	11	3	-	1	1	-	6	20
Anisakidae	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1
<u>D. latum</u>	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
<u>VIRAL</u>								
Hepatitis A	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3
<u>UNKNOWN</u>								
	58	153	19	5	7	1	63	306
Total 1975	137	196	29	12	16	5	102	497
Total 1974	187	128	23	16	18	6	78	456
Total 1973	119	98	16	12	6	4	52	307

Table 8

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks, by Place Where Food Was  
Mishandled, and Specific Etiology, 1975

	<u>Food Processing Establishments</u>	<u>Food Service Establishments</u>	<u>Homes</u>	<u>Unknown- Unspecified</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BACTERIAL</u>					
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	-	-	1	-	1
<u>B. cereus</u>	-	1	1	1	3
<u>C. botulinum</u>	1	-	10	3	14
<u>C. perfringens</u>	-	13	3	-	16
Salmonella	2	16	12	8	38
Shigella	-	3	-	-	3
Staphylococcus	2	28	7	8	45
Suspect Group D Streptococcus	-	1	-	-	1
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	-	2	-	-	2
<u>CHEMICAL</u>					
Heavy metal	-	4	-	-	4
Ciguatoxin	-	-	-	19	19
Scombrototoxin	1	2	-	3	6
Monosodium glutamate	-	3	-	-	3
Mushroom poison	-	-	4	1	5
Other chemicals	2	1	-	3	6
<u>PARASITIC</u>					
<u>T. spiralis</u>	4	2	6	8	20
Anisakidae	-	-	1	-	1
<u>D. latum</u>	-	-	-	1	1
<u>VIRAL</u>					
Hepatitis A	-	3	-	-	3
UNKNOWN	1	122	16	167	306
Total 1975	13	201	61	222	497
Total 1974	16	90	77	273	456
Total 1973	15	109	69	114	307

Table 9

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks Caused by Mishandling of Food  
in Food-Processing Establishments  
1975

<u>Etiology</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
<u>C. botulinum type E</u>	Mullet	1
<u>Salmonella singapore</u>	Roast beef sandwiches	13
<u>Salmonella saint paul</u>	Precooked roast beef	54
Staphylococcus Enterotoxin A	Salami	8
Staphylococcus Enterotoxin A	Lobster bisque	2
Scrombrotoxin	Tuna	1
Sodium nitrite	Multiple foods	19
Sodium chloride	Cookies	2
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Sausage	8
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Ground beef	4
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Ground beef	2
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Ground beef	2
Unknown	Raw Milk	7

Total	1975	13 outbreaks	123 cases
	1974	16 outbreaks	1,704 cases
	1973	15 outbreaks	736 cases

Table 10

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks, by Contributing Factors,  
and Etiology, 1975

<u>Etiology</u>	<u>Number of Reported Outbreaks</u>	<u>Number of Outbreaks In Which Factors Reported</u>	<u>Improper Holding Temperatures</u>	<u>Inadequate Cooking</u>	<u>Contaminated Equipment</u>	<u>Food From Unsafe Source</u>	<u>Poor Personal Hygiene</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>BACTERIAL</u>								
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
<u>B. cereus</u>	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	1
<u>C. botulinum</u>	14	11	-	11	-	-	-	-
<u>C. perfringens</u>	16	11	11	3	1	-	2	1
<u>Salmonella</u>	38	28	22	11	9	3	10	1
<u>Shigella</u>	3	2	-	-	1	-	2	-
<u>Staphylococcus</u>	45	39	39	6	7	-	18	2
<u>Suspect Group D Streptococcus</u>	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
<u>CHEMICAL</u>								
<u>Heavy metal</u>	4	4	-	-	3	-	-	-
<u>Ciguatoxin</u>	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Scombrototoxin</u>	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Monosodium glutamate</u>	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>Mushroom poison</u>	5	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
<u>Other chemicals</u>	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	1
<u>PARASITIC</u>								
<u>T. spiralis</u>	20	14	-	14	-	2	-	-
<u>Anisakidae</u>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>D. latum</u>	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
<u>VIRAL</u>								
<u>Hepatitis A</u>	3	3	-	-	1	-	3	-
<u>UNKNOWN</u>								
	306	150	135	38	40	5	58	7
<u>Total 1975</u>	497	277	214	87	62	14	93	14
<u>Total 1974</u>	456	219	131	45	31	50	41	9
<u>Total 1973</u>	307	177	109	43	34	24	42	10

Table 11

Foodborne Disease Outbreaks, by Month of Occurrence,  
and Specific Etiology, 1975 .

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BACTERIAL</u>													
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>B. cereus</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
<u>C. botulinum</u>	1	1	2	-	1	3	-	-	1	2	2	1	14
<u>C. perfringens</u>	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	1	3	15
<u>Salmonella</u>	2	1	2	1	5	5	9	6	3	1	1	2	38
<u>Shigella</u>	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
<u>Staphylococcus</u>	3	4	2	6	3	5	4	3	5	3	2	5	45
<u>Suspect Group D</u>													
<u>Streptococcus</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
<u>CHEMICAL</u>													
<u>Heavy metal</u>	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	4
<u>Ciguatoxin</u>	-	3	1	3	8	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	19
<u>Scombrototoxin</u>	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6
<u>Monosodium glutamate</u>	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3
<u>Mushroom poison</u>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	5
<u>Other chemicals</u>	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	6
<u>PARASITIC</u>													
<u>T. spiralis</u>	4	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	3	2	4	20
<u>Anisakidae</u>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>D. latum</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<u>VIRAL</u>													
<u>Hepatitis A</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3
<u>UNKNOWN</u>													
	28	24	22	31	41	23	25	23	17	23	21	22	300*
<u>Total 1975</u>	39	39	35	41	66	41	48	36	33	42	31	40	491*
<u>Total 1974</u>	33	21	37	33	44	42	41	43	43	39	46	29	451
<u>Total 1973</u>	10	28	24	26	40	10	26	26	32	24	31	30	307

\*Month of occurrence not known in 6 outbreaks of unknown etiology.





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Etiology	State	Number of Cases	Date of Onset	Lab Data			Vehicle	Location Where Food Mishandled* And Eaten
				Patient	Vehicle	Food- handler		
<u>BACTERIAL</u>								
<u>ARIZONA HINSHAWII</u>								
<u>A. hinshawii</u>	Oklahoma	15	6-16	+	+		Ice cream	(C) picnic
<u>BACILLUS CEREUS</u>								
<u>B. cereus</u>	California	18	9-2		+		Fried rice	(B) restaurant
<u>B. cereus</u>	Wisconsin	2	7-28		+		Mashed potatoes	(C) home
<u>B. cereus</u>	Wisconsin	25	9-23	+			Beef	(D) labor hall
22	<u>CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM</u>							
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	Alaska	3	3-3	+	+		Beaver tail	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	California	2	6-8	+	+		Carrots	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type unknown	California	1	10-22				Unknown	(D) unknown
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	California	1	11-8	+	+		Chicken pot pie	(C)**home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	California	2	11-19	+	+		Peppers	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type B	Florida	1	6-2	+			Cabbage	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type B	New Jersey	1	5-21	+			Unknown	(D) unknown
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type E	New York	1	2-17		+		Mullet	(A) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type B	Illinois	1	9-26	+			Green beans	(C) home

<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	Montana	1	12-5		+		Beets	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	Oregon	1	10-29		+		Green beans	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	Washington	2	3-20		+		Unknown	(D) unknown
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	Washington	1	6-13		+	+	Peppers	(C) home
<u>C. botulinum</u> , type A	Wyoming	1	1-10		+		Beans	(C) home
<u>CLOSTRIDIUM PERFRINGENS</u>								
<u>C. perfringens</u>	California	63	1-1		+		Roast beef, turkey	(C) home
<u>C. perfringens</u>	Colorado	4	9-2		+		Beef burrito	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u> , Hobbs type 3	Connecticut	30	11-13		+		Meat loaf	(B) nursing home
<u>C. perfringens</u> , PS 74	Connecticut	43	12-15		+	+	Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u> , PS 38, PS 63	Hawaii	61	12-7		+	+	Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u> , Hobbs type 20	Illinois	55	3-15		+	+	Gefilte fish	(C) home
<u>C. perfringens</u>	Indiana	8	5-11		+		Chicken, gravy	(B) home
<u>C. perfringens</u>	Indiana	6	12-1		+		Turkey	(B) prison
<u>C. perfringens</u>	Montana	11	3-19		+		Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u> , Hobbs type 4	Tennessee	15	3-29		+	+	Barbecue pork	(B) home
<u>C. perfringens</u> , Hobbs type 8	Utah	43	10-22		+	+	Chili	(C) picnic
<u>C. perfringens</u> , PS 80	Washington	23	9-10		+	+	Roast beef	(B) restaurant

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\*(A)--Food processing establishment; (B)--Food service establishment; (C)--Home; (D)--Unknown  
 \*\*Commercial product involved but food-handling error apparently occurred in home.

Etiology	State	Number of Cases	Date of Onset	Lab Data			Vehicle	Location Where Food Mishandled* And Eaten
				Patient	Vehicle	Food-handler		
<u>C. perfringens</u>	Wisconsin	28	3-22	+	+		Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u>	Wisconsin	16	5-12		+		Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u> , PS 87	Wisconsin	11	10-21	+	+		Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>C. perfringens</u>	New York City	2	10-8		+		Corned beef	(B) restaurant
<u>SALMONELLA</u>								
<u>S. newport</u>	Arkansas	50	7-31	+	+		Lettuce	(B) nursing home
<u>S. dublin</u>	California	176	8-24	+			Unknown	(D) club
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	Connecticut	6	5-10	+		+	Baked goods	(B) school
<u>S. newport</u>	Connecticut	12	9-22	+		+	Unknown	(C) home
<u>S. typhi</u>	Florida	4	5-29	+			Snow cones	(B) concession stand
<u>S. bredeney</u>	Georgia	5	1-2	+	+		Barbeque pork	(B) restaurant
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	Georgia	11	3-17	+			Banana pudding	(C) home
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	Georgia	11	5-25	+			Barbeque sandwich	(B) church
<u>S. infantis</u>	Georgia	35	11-28	+	+		Turkey	(C) home
<u>S. montevideo</u>	Illinois	6	7-2	+	+	+	Ice cream	(C) home
<u>S. newport</u>	Indiana	11	7-14	+		+	Unknown	(D) nursing home
<u>S. newport</u>	Louisiana	47	7-12	+			Milk	(D) home
<u>S. singapore</u>	Louisiana	13	8-1	+	+	+	Beef sandwich	(A) home

<u>S. typhimurium</u>	Louisiana	168	8-16	+	+	+	Chicken salad	(C) wedding reception
<u>S. typhi</u>	Louisiana	5	10-6	+		+	Pies	(C) home
<u>S. reading</u>	Massachusetts	46	6-1	+			Unknown	(D) church
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	Michigan	37	3-30	+			Unknown	(B) social hall
<u>S. java</u>	Minnesota	16	6-1	+			Unknown	(B) camp
<u>S. blockley</u>	Minnesota	232	7-6	+	+	+	Potato salad	(B) picnic
<u>S. thompson</u>	Nevada	22	9-8	+		+	Beef, pork	(B) restaurant
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	New Hampshire	14	4-28	+			Roast beef	(B) restaurant
<u>S. derby</u>	New Jersey	7	5-11	+			Unknown	(B) church
<u>S. litchfield</u>	New Jersey	82	7-25	+	+		Spaghetti meat sauce	(B) camp
<u>S. saint-paul</u>	New Jersey	54	7-2	+	+		Roast beef	(A) multiple
<u>S. muenchen</u>	New Jersey	15	8-?	+		+	Unknown	(D) restaurant
<u>S. reading</u>	Rhode Island	60	6-3	+			Turkey	(C) home
<u>S. bareilly</u>	Tennessee	12	2-8	+	+	+	Barbeque pork	(B) home
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	Tennessee	5	7-10	+	+		Ice cream	(C) home
<u>S. heidelberg</u>	Tennessee	80	12-6	+		+	Roast beef, turkey	(B) church
<u>S. typhi</u>	Texas	19	6-?	+		+	Mexican food	(B) restaurant
<u>S. enteriditis</u>	Virginia	8	6-26			+	Ice cream	(C) home
<u>S. saint-paul</u>	Wisconsin	9	5-24	+			Unknown	(D) unknown
<u>S. saint-paul</u>	Wisconsin	205	7-26	+	+		Ham	(D) church

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\*(A)--Food processing establishment; (B)--Food service establishment; (C)--Home; (D)--Unknown

<u>Etiology</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Date of Onset</u>	<u>Lab Data</u>			<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Location Where Food Mishandled* And Eaten</u>
				<u>Patient</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Food-handler</u>		
<u>S. typhimurium</u>	New York City	7	1-14	+	+	+	Roast duck	(C) home
<u>S. enteritidis</u>	New York City	30	8-23	+	+		Chicken	(C) home
S., species unknown	New York City	2	9-28	+	+		Tomatoe sauce	(D) restaurant
<u>S. typhi</u>	New York City	16	12-6	+			Unknown	(B) restaurant
<u>S. newport</u>	Colorado, Maryland	35	8-?	+	+		Ground beef	(C) home
<u>SHIGELLA</u>								
<u>S. sonnei</u>	Montana	144	8-8	+			Unknown	(B) camp
<u>S. sonnei</u>	Oregon	150	5-13	+		+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
<u>S. flexneri 2B</u>	Texas	119	6-12	+		+	Potato salad	(B) picnic
<u>STAPHYLOCOCCUS</u>								
<u>S. aureus</u>	Alabama	23	12-19	+	+		Tuna casserole	(C) home
<u>S. aureus, enterotoxin A</u>	Alaska	12	11-18	+	+	+	Mashed potatoes	(D) military base
<u>S. aureus, enterotoxin A</u>	California	25	1-22		+		Turkey	(B) school
<u>S. aureus</u>	California	22	7-5		+	+	Lasagne	(B) camp
<u>S. aureus</u>	California	6	9-18		+	+	Mexican food	(B) military base
<u>S. aureus</u>	California	3	12-31		+	+	Ham	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus, enterotoxin A</u>	California	8	9-23		+		Salami	(A) delicatessen

<u>S. aureus</u>	Florida	2	1-20	+	+		Ham sandwich	(D) truck
<u>S. aureus</u>	Florida	12	3-22		+		Barbeque pork	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u> 53/77/84	Florida	126	11-12		+	+	Chicken salad	(D) church
<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	Georgia	2	2-19		+		Ham	(C) home
<u>S. aureus</u>	Georgia	8	7-30		+		Barbeque sandwich	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	Georgia	81	8-14	+	+	+	Chicken salad	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	Georgia	7	10-8		+		Barbeque ham	(B) home
<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	Georgia	4	12-22		+		Ham	(C) home
<u>S. aureus</u>	Hawaii	6	4-6		+		Beef	(C) home
<u>S. aureus</u>	Hawaii	6	5-11		+		Fish	(C) home
<u>S. aureus</u> , 84/42E/53/83A	Hawaii	6	10-20	+	+	+	Rice ball	(B) hotel
<u>S. aureus</u> , 29/47	Hawaii	2	12-14		+	+	Roast beef sandwich	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u> , 83A	Illinois	324	2-9		+	+	Turkey salad	(B) school
<u>S. aureus</u>	Louisiana	200	3-29		+		Shrimp salad	(B) cafeteria
<u>S. aureus</u>	Louisiana	35	4-26		+	+	Chicken salad	(C) home
<u>S. aureus</u> , 85	Louisiana	12	4-28		+	+	Jambalaya	(C) home
<u>S. aureus</u>	Louisiana	4	6-15	+	+		Ham	(D) home
<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	Maryland	39	8-?		+		Chicken/rice casserole	(D) unknown

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<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	Minnesota	336	6-22	+	+	+	Ham	(B) church
<u>S. aureus</u>	Minnesota	36	10-5		+	+	Chicken salad	(B) boy's home
<u>S. aureus</u> , 83A	Missouri	74	4-17	+	+		Potato salad	(B) school
<u>S. aureus</u> , 83A/85/+	Pennsylvania	83	4-26	+	+	+	Ham	(B) fire hall
<u>S. aureus</u>	Pennsylvania	4	6-14		+		Ham	(D) church
<u>S. aureus</u>	Pennsylvania	8	9-6	+	+	+	Ham, chicken	(B) picnic
<u>S. aureus</u> , enterotoxin A	South Carolina	2	4-25		+		Lobster bisque	(A) home
<u>S. aureus</u> , 83A/85/+	South Carolina	275	5-14		+		Barbeque pork	(B) school
<u>S. aureus</u>	South Carolina	40	9-1		+		Ham, sausage, chicken	(B) church
<u>S. aureus</u>	South Dakota	70	2-9		+	+	Ham	(B) school
<u>S. aureus</u> , 29/52/79	Tennessee	15	2-19		+	+	Ham	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u>	Tennessee	5	5-28		+		Ham	(B) cafeteria
<u>S. aureus</u>	Tennessee	3	6-17		+	+	Ham	(B) home
<u>S. aureus</u> , 187, enterotoxin A	Tennessee	30	7-22	+	+		Ham	(B) club
<u>S. aureus</u> , 52/80	Tennessee	5	7-22		+	+	Barbeque meat	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u> , 85	Tennessee	9	8-31	+	+		Salad dressing	(B) restaurant
<u>S. aureus</u> , 6/81/83A	Tennessee	100	12-18	+	+		Ham, desert	(B) school

<u>S. aureus</u> , 29/52/79/86	Wisconsin	2	1-2	+	+	Unknown	(D) home
<u>S. aureus</u>	New York City	3	9-24		+	+	Ham (D) work
<u>S. aureus</u> 6/85/47/54/75/83A enterotoxin A	North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee	200	6-15	+	+	+	Ham (B) picnic

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<u>S. faecium</u>	Georgia	50	8-28		+	Beef pot pie	(B) school
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VIBRIO PARAHAEMOLYTICUS

<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	Louisiana	100	7-26		+	Boiled shrimp	(B) picnic
<u>V. parahaemolyticus</u>	Guam	122	11-10	+		Octopus	(B) ship

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Copper	California	4	6-11		+	Soft drink	(B) restaurant
Copper	Louisiana	30	9-8		+	Orange drink	(B) school
Copper	New York City	2	7-10		+	Soft drink	(B) theater
Zinc	Rhode Island	14	8-6	+	+	Lemonade	(B) school
Ciguatoxin	California	9	7-16			Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	2-3			Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	3	2-14			Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	4-7			Red snapper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	3	4-14			Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	14	4-29			Kingfish	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	3	5-4			Kingfish	(D) home

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Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	5-9				Amberjack	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	8	5-10				Red snapper	(D) restaurant
Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	5-10				Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	5-16				Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	3	5-16				Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	5-16				Grouper	(D) unknown
Ciguatoxin	Florida	1	5-17				Grouper	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Florida	2	6-4				Grouper	(D) restaurant
Ciguatoxin	Hawaii	2	3-26				Po'ou fish (Cheilinus species)	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Hawaii	1	4-30				Po'ou fish (Cheilinus species)	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Hawaii	7	10-5		+		Amberjack	(D) home
Ciguatoxin	Hawaii	2	10-8		+		Snapper	(D) home
Scombrototoxin	Florida	2	2-?				Tuna	(B) restaurant
Scombrototoxin	Hawaii	4	2-3		+		Skipjack	(B) restaurant
Scombrototoxin	Michigan	1	7-25		+		Tuna	(A) unknown
Scombrototoxin	New York City	4	7-14		+		Tuna	(D) home
Scombroid-like fish poison	Washington	3	5-3		+		Mahi-Mahi	(D) restaurant

Scombroid-like fish poison	Washington	2	5-5		Mahi-Mahi	(D) restaurant
Monosodium glutamate	Washington	2	2-23		Soup, scallops	(B) restaurant
Monosodium glutamate	New York City	5	7-14	+	Chinese food	(B) restaurant
Monosodium glutamate	New York City	2	11-17	+	Chinese food	(B) restaurant
Mushroom poison	Minnesota	1	5-?		Morchella augusticeps	(C) home
Mushroom poison	Washington	1	9-28		Amanita muscaria	(D) unknown
Mushroom poison	Washington	1	10-24		Panaeolus	(C) home
Mushroom poison	New York City	1	10-16		Amanita phalloides	(C) home
Mushroom poison	New York City	1	10-31		Mushrooms	(C) home
Biphenyl	South Carolina	10	5-8	+	Bread	(D) home
Cyanide	California	1	10-22		Apricot kernals	(C) home
Phosphorus containing soap	Michigan	5	12-17		Alcoholic drinks	(B) restaurant
Sodium chloride	New York City	2	7-19	+	Cookies	(A) home
Sodium nitrite	California	19	3-19		Multiple foods	(A) home
Trisodium phosphate	New York	1	8-18		Coffee	(D) restaurant

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<u>PARASITIC</u>								
<u>TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS</u>								
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Alaska	28	10-?		+		Walrus meat	(C) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	California	5	10-?	+	+		Bear meat	(C) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Connecticut	8	12-6	+			Sausage	(A) unknown
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Illinois	2	1-?	+			Unknown	(D) unknown
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Illinois	24	2-21	+	+		Sausage	(C) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Iowa	63	12-29	+	+		Pork-venison sausage	(C) home
32 <u>T. spiralis</u>	Massachusetts	14	11-23	+			Sausage	(D) unknown
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Massachusetts	2	12-15	+			Sausage	(D) unknown
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New Jersey	15	6-22	+			Ground beef	(D) restaurant
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New Jersey	4	7-12	+			Ground beef	(A) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New Jersey	2	10-2	+			Ground beef	(A) unknown
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New Jersey	3	11-15	+			Sausage	(C) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New Jersey	2	12-7	+			Chinese dumplings	(D) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New York	4	1-16	+			Sausage	(C) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New York	5	1-?	+			Sausage	(C) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New York	2	2-?	+			Ground beef	(A) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	Pennsylvania	3	9-25				Ground beef	(B) restaurant

<u>T. spiralis</u>	Utah	2	3-13	+		Sausage	(D) home
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New York City	3	1-13	+		Pork	(B) restaurant
<u>T. spiralis</u>	New York City	2	5-?	+		Unknown	(D) unknown
<u>ANISAKIDAE</u>							
<u>Phocanema genus</u>	California	1	2-?	+		White sea bass	(D) home
<u>CESTODES</u>							
<u>Diphyllobothrium latum</u>	Minnesota	1	10-23	+		Northern pike	(C) home
<u>VIRAL</u>							
Hepatitis A	New York	34	12-9	+	+	Sandwiches, salad	(B) restaurant
Hepatitis A	Oklahoma	116	12-28			Glazed donuts	(B) delicatessen
Hepatitis A	Oregon	23	7-10	+	+	Sandwiches	(B) restaurant
<u>UNKNOWN</u>							
	Alaska	40	5-?			Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Arizona	10	5-28			Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Arizona	12	6-9			Unknown	(D) river raft trip
	Arkansas	34	4-7			Unknown	(D) nursing home
	California	5	4-10			Meat sauce	(B) cafeteria
	California	23	4-12			Meat balls	(B) restaurant
	California	2	4-16			Beef sandwich	(B) restaurant
	California	40	4-20			Unknown	(C) convention hall

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(UNKNOWN)	California	24	5-2		+		Ham sandwich	(D) fair grounds
	California	5	5-15				Beef burritos	(B) restaurant
	California	248	5-25		+		Ham, salad	(C) recreation hall
	California	44	5-31				Crab salad, chicken salad	(B) restaurant
	California	5	6-10				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	California	165	6-12				Unknown	(D) school
	California	85	6-14				Roast beef	(D) home
	California	215	6-16				Beef, fruit cocktail	(B) restaurant
	California	170	6-17				Braised beef	(B) restaurant
	California	40	7-27				Ham	(D) church
	California	80	8-12				Unknown	(D) home
	California	1788	9-13				Unknown	(B) restaurant
	California	22	9-14	+	+		Ham	(D) wedding reception
	California	8	9-23			+	Meat	(D) delicatessen
	California	7	10-1				Mexican food	(D) restaurant
	California	10	11-18				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	California	10	12-11		+	+	Ham	(B) restaurant
	California	11	12-26				Mexican food	(D) restaurant

California	16	12-?			Unknown	(D) restaurant
Connecticut	145	8-3			Unknown	(D) institution for retarded
Connecticut	50	9-8	+	+	Raw clams	(D) picnic
Connecticut	200	11-16			Potato salad	(D) picnic
Connecticut	22	12-?			Rice	(D) school
Delaware	100	10-22			Unknown	(B) school
Florida	3	2-21			Fish	(D) home
Florida	3	2-21			Fish	(D) home
Florida	19	4-12		+	Egg salad	(B) navy ship
Florida	5	4-22			Fish	(D) home
Florida	11	4-29			Unknown	(D) delicatessen
Florida	140	5-3			Roast beef	(B) convention hall
Florida	11	5-?			Unknown	(D) delicatessen
Florida	17	5-?			Cheese	(D) work
Florida	11	6-26			Unknown	(D) home
Florida	180	9-18			Chicken salad	(B) school
Georgia	6	2-2			Barbeque chicken	(B) restaurant
Georgia	235	2-13	+		Gravy	(B) school
Georgia	83	2-14			Steak, rice, gravy	(D) church

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(UNKNOWN)	Georgia	3	3-24				Turkey	(B) restaurant
	Georgia	21	5-6		+		Ham	(B) day care center
	Georgia	27	6-17	+	+	+	Barbeque meat	(B) restaurant
	Georgia	30	11-13				Chicken noodles	(B) day care center
	Hawaii	314	7-5				Chinese food	(B) restaurant
	Hawaii	81	7-5				Chicken gizzard, beef curry	(D) restaurant
	Hawaii	4	7-28		+		Chinese food	(B) restaurant
	Hawaii	2	8-12		+		Chicken	(B) home
	Hawaii	57	12-15				Roast beef	(B) restaurant
	Illinois	76	1-26		+		Chicken	(D) church
	Illinois	27	4-19				Roast beef	(D) restaurant
	Illinois	2	5-22	+	+		Ham	(D) home
	Illinois	450	6-4		+		Chicken	(D) restaurant
	Illinois	16	9-3				Beef	(D) restaurant
	Illinois	3	10-27				Mexican food	(D) restaurant
	Indiana	57	8-1				Unknown	(D) school
	Kentucky	100	2-4				Roast beef	(D) unknown
	Kentucky	750	2-15				Beef	(B) prison

Kentucky	5	5-5		Unknown	(D) unknown
Kentucky	8	10-27		Unknown	(D) unknown
Kentucky	2	11-6		Unknown	(D) unknown
Kentucky	188	11-?	+	Turkey	(D) school
Kentucky	4	12-1	+	Unknown	(D) unknown
Kentucky	13	12-17		Turkey	(D) unknown
Louisiana	40	5-25	+	Crayfish	(C) home
Louisiana	2000	6-22		Roast beef	(B) prison
Louisiana	30	10-9	+	Unknown	(D) unknown
Louisiana	9	12-26		Turkey	(C) home
Louisiana	50	?		Chicken salad	(D) school
Maryland	25	5-?		Roast beef	(D) home
Massachusetts	140	8-19	+	Chicken salad	(D) nursing home
Massachusetts	21	10-4		Unknown	(B) sorority
Massachusetts	152	12-5		Salad dressing	(B) hotel
Massachusetts	6	?	+	Cole slaw	(D) restaurant
Massachusetts	60	?	+	Unknown	(D) hotel
Michigan	3	3-30	+	Eggs	(C) home
Michigan	13	6-4	+	Chicken salad	(B) restaurant
Minnesota	21	1-6		Unknown	(D) nursing home
Minnesota	3	1-14		Unknown	(B) restaurant

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(UNKNOWN)	Minnesota	4	1-14				Unknown	(B) restaurant
	Minnesota	200	1-22				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Minnesota	2	1-24				Unknown	(B) restaurant
	Minnesota	2	2-18				Pork sausage	(D) home
	Minnesota	4	3-22				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Minnesota	2	3-25				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Minnesota	3	4-6				Chicken	(B) restaurant
	Minnesota	2	4-13				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Minnesota	2	4-26				Unknown	(B) home
	Minnesota	4	5-31				Unknown	(D) home
	Minnesota	23	6-19				Unknown	(D) picnic
	Minnesota	50	7-23				Unknown	(D) picnic
	Minnesota	2	8-24				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Minnesota	8	9-10				Unknown	(D) home
	Minnesota	169	10-9			+	Salads	(B) school
	Minnesota	2	10-9				Sausage	(D) home
	Minnesota	30	11-15				Apple pie	(D) school
	Mississippi	9	1-16				Spaghetti and meat sauce	(B) canteen
	Missouri	15	5-1				Unknown	(D) nursing home

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Missouri	3	8-1			Unknown	(D) home
Missouri	65	9-24			Unknown	(D) school
Missouri	5	10-7	+	+	Ham sandwiches	(D) restaurant
Missouri	51	11-19			Unknown	(D) school
Missouri	17	12-15			Unknown	(D) restaurant
Missouri	5	?			Unknown	(D) picnic
Nebraska	16	3-15			Unknown	(D) restaurant
Nebraska	97	5-15			Mexican food	(B) school
Nebraska	8	11-16			Mexican food	(D) home
Nevada	3	1-12	+		Corn dogs	(D) restaurant
Nevada	3	1-29	+		Ham and cheese omelette	(B) restaurant
Nevada	17	9-18	+		Mexican food	(B) restaurant
New Hampshire	40	7-1	+	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New Jersey	5	3-?			Turkey pie	(D) home
New Jersey	75	6-7			Roast beef	(D) church
New Mexico	30	4-10	+	+	Mexican food	(B) restaurant
New York	212	1-20	+		Roast beef	(B) restaurant
New York	89	5-4			Roast beef and gravy	(B) school
Oklahoma	3	1-28	+		Turkey	(D) home
Oregon	5	2-25	+		Unknown	(B) restaurant

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(UNKNOWN)	Oregon	3	6-16				Cheese	(D) home
	Oregon	7	7-21				Unknown	(D) home
	Oregon	3	7-26				Chicken	(B) street sale
	Pennsylvania	3	1-15				Unknown	(D) home
	Pennsylvania	2	1-17				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Pennsylvania	129	1-19	+			Roast beef sandwich	(D) nursing home
	Pennsylvania	33	1-26				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Pennsylvania	90	2-24				Unknown	(D) unknown
	Pennsylvania	2	4-18				Prune juice	(D) home
	Pennsylvania	60	4-19				Unknown	(D) unknown
	Pennsylvania	3	5-5	+			Chinese food	(B) home
	Pennsylvania	6	5-11		+	+	Ham	(B) home
	Pennsylvania	77	5-11				Unknown	(D) fire hall
	Pennsylvania	3	5-11				Ground beef	(D) restaurant
	Pennsylvania	3	6-4				Lettuce	(D) home
	Pennsylvania	60	6-15				Unknown	(D) hospital
	Pennsylvania	27	8-3				Roast beef, chicken	(B) raceway
	Pennsylvania	6	8-31				Unknown	(B) restaurant
	Pennsylvania	2	9-9	+	+		Chicken salad	(B) restaurant

Pennsylvania	3	12-15			Bologna	(D) home
South Carolina	7	1-2			Flounder	(D) restaurant
South Carolina	3	2-16			Unknown	(D) restaurant
South Carolina	3	2-18			Unknown	(D) restaurant
South Carolina	33	4-25			Salad	(D) restaurant
South Carolina	4	6-15			Unknown	(D) restaurant
Tennessee	7	4-2	+		Barbeque pork	(B) restaurant
Tennessee	4	5-1			Barbeque meat	(B) restaurant
Tennessee	2	7-14			Chili	(D) restaurant
Tennessee	123	7-22			Turkey	(B) hospital
Tennessee	3	7-22		+	Barbeque meat	(B) unknown
Tennessee	124	7-22			Turkey, dressing	(B) hospital
Texas	28	11-2			Salad dressing	(B) school
Utah	90	9-19		+	Macaroni tuna salad	(C) community center
Virginia	64	1-29			Tuna salad	(B) military base
Virginia	60	7-20		+	Unknown	(D) camp
Virginia	22	8-13		+	Salad, ham	(B) restaurant
Washington	2	2-1			Chinese food	(B) restaurant
Washington	3	2-4			Spanish omelette	(B) restaurant
Washington	13	2-10		+	Swiss steak	(B) restaurant

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(UNKNOWN)	Washington	4	2-14				Mexican food	(B) restaurant
	Washington	2	3-12				Beef crepe	(B) restaurant
	Washington	3	3-25	+			Mexican food	(B) restaurant
	Washington	4	3-28				Bologna	(D) home
	Washington	3	4-3				Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Washington	14	4-19				Hors d'oeuvres	(D) restaurant
	Washington	2	4-23				Lettuce, spinach	(B) restaurant
	Washington	10	5-2				Clam chowder	(C) home
	Washington	4	5-3				Boysenberry pie	(D) restaurant
	Washington	2	5-3				Cheese	(D) restaurant
	Washington	33	5-16		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	Washington	6	5-18				Chinese food	(B) restaurant
	Washington	7	5-30				Raw milk	(A) home
	Washington	21	7-15	+	+		Mexican food	(B) restaurant
	Washington	5	7-15				Crab	(C) home
	Washington	2	7-16				Hollandaise sauce	(B) restaurant
	Washington	5	7-17				Barbeque chicken	(B) home
	Washington	3	7-18				Mexican food	(B) restaurant

Washington	2	8-15		Cheese crepe	(D) restaurant
Washington	336	8-16		Roast pig, chicken	(D) church
Washington	4	8-20	+	Sandwich meat	(D) home
Washington	2	8-22	+	Chinese food	(B) restaurant
Washington	3	8-31		Grape slush	(D) restaurant
Washington	6	9-9		Cheese crepe	(D) restaurant
Washington	29	10-18		Unknown	(D) meeting hall
Washington	2	10-22		Turkey and dressing	(C) home
Washington	2	10-27	+	Smoked salmon	(C) home
Washington	2	11-4		Barbeque sauce	(D) home
Washington	4	11-17		Roast beef	(D) restaurant
Washington	3	11-23		Mexican food	(D) restaurant
Washington	11	11-29		Turkey	(D) restaurant
Washington	9	12-12		Chinese food	(D) restaurant
Washington	2	12-31		Cheese crepe	(D) restaurant
Wisconsin	55	2-23		Chicken, cole slaw	(B) restaurant
Wisconsin	26	3-6		Turkey	(D) school
Wisconsin	36	4-20		Unknown	(D) restaurant
Wisconsin	19	7-16		Unknown	(D) restaurant
Wisconsin	20	9-13	+	Buffalo burger	(D) park

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Etiology	State	Number of Cases	Date of Onset	Lab Data			Vehicle	Location Where Food Mishandled* And Eaten
				Patient	Vehicle	Food- handler		
(UNKNOWN)	Guam	13	8-8				Pancit	(C) party
	New York City	2	1-1		+		Tuna	(D) home
	New York City	2	1-2				Sausage	(D) home
	New York City	2	1-3		+		Chinese food	(D) home
	New York City	2	1-3				Chinese food	(D) restaurant
	New York City	3	1-13				Fried chicken	(D) home
	New York City	4	1-15		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	New York City	5	1-17		+		Cole slaw	(B) restaurant
	New York City	3	1-17		+		Unknown	(D) office
	New York City	2	1-18		+		Unknown	(B) restaurant
	New York City	5	1-28		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	New York City	5	1-30		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	New York City	4	2-2				Unknown	(D) home
	New York City	2	2-5		+		Chinese food	(D) restaurant
	New York City	2	2-13		+		Unknown	(D) unknown
	New York City	2	2-16				Chinese food	(D) restaurant
	New York City	2	2-18		+		Unknown	(B) restaurant
	New York City	5	2-25		+		Fish	(B) restaurant
	New York City	3	2-26		+		Quiche	(B) restaurant
	New York City	2	3-5		+		Roast beef	(B) home
	New York City	90	3-6				Chicken	(D) church

New York City	15	3-10	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	15	3-11	+	Beef stew	(B) school
New York City	3	3-12	+	Shish kebab	(B) restaurant
New York City	5	3-13	+	Tuna salad	(B) restaurant
New York City	3	3-22	+	Shrimp	(B) restaurant
New York City	4	3-23	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	7	3-24	+	Unknown	(C) home
New York City	2	3-27	+	Eggs	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	3-27		Fried clams	(B) restaurant
New York City	3	3-28	+	Ice cream	(D) home
New York City	3	3-29	+	Chicken	(B) restaurant
New York City	4	4-1		Lasagna	(D) restaurant
New York City	3	4-3		Pizza	(D) car
New York City	7	4-6		Unknown	(D) home
New York City	2	4-11	+	Chicken	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	4-14	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	16	4-15		Beef	(B) work
New York City	3	4-16	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	4-23	+	Shrimp	(B) restaurant
New York City	3	4-26	+	Shish kebab	(B) restaurant
New York City	4	5-1		Unknown	(D) restaurant
New York City	5	5-2	+	Chicken	(B) restaurant

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Etiology	State	Number of Cases	Date of Onset	Lab Data			Vehicle	Location Where Food Mishandled* And Eaten
				Patient	Vehicle	Food-handler		
(UNKNOWN)	New York City	2	5-2		+		Breaded chicken	(C) home
	New York City	69	5-5	+	+		Pot roast	(B) prison
	New York City	20	5-6		+		Milk	(B) school
	New York City	7	5-10		+		Unknown	(C) home
	New York City	3	5-11		+		Pork	(B) restaurant
	New York City	5	5-12		+		Ham	(B) office
	New York City	3	5-14		+		Milk	(B) home
	New York City	40	5-18		+		Gravy	(B) nursing home
	New York City	24	5-29		+		Unknown	(D) school
	New York City	4	5-31		+		Chinese food	(B) restaurant
	New York City	2	6-2		+		Unknown	(B) restaurant
	New York City	5	6-6		+		Cake	(D) home
	New York City	8	6-10		+		Shrimp	(B) restaurant
	New York City	3	6-18		+		Ham	(B) restaurant
	New York City	2	6-24		+		Chinese food	(D) restaurant
	New York City	7	6-25		+		Unknown	(C) home
	New York City	27	7-2	+			Unknown	(D) nursing home
	New York City	3	7-19		+		Unknown	(B) restaurant
	New York City	4	7-21		+		Soft drink	(B) cafeteria

New York City	3	7-22	+	Chinese food	(B) restaurant
New York City	3	7-24	+	Chinese food	(B) restaurant
New York City	5	7-25	+	Tuna casserole	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	8-1		Soup	(B) office
New York City	2	8-14	+	Beef	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	8-17	+	Beef	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	8-23	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	8-26	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	4	8-27	+	Unknown	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	8-29		Snow cone	(B) delicatessen
New York City	2	9-14	+	Roast beef	(B) restaurant
New York City	2	9-24	+	Unknown	(D) restaurant
New York City	36	9-29	+	Unknown	(B) nursing home
New York City	4	9-30	+	Chinese food	(D) restaurant
New York City	2	10-2		Cookies	(D) home
New York City	2	10-4	+	Chinese food	(D) restaurant
New York City	2	10-6	+	Mussels, crabs	(D) home
New York City	4	10-10		Potted meat	(D) home
New York City	3	10-10	+	Unknown	(D) restaurant
New York City	5	10-12	+	Unknown	(D) restaurant
New York City	2	10-13	+	Crabs	(D) restaurant

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Etiology	State	Number of Cases	Date of Onset	Lab Data			Vehicle	Location Where Food Mishandled* And Eaten
				Patient	Vehicle	Food-handler		
(UNKNOWN)	New York City	4	10-14		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	New York City	3	10-18		+		Chinese food	(D) restaurant
	New York City	2	10-23		+		Turkey sandwich	(D) restaurant
	New York City	2	10-27				Tuna sandwich	(D) restaurant
	New York City	3	11-3		+		Ice cream, cake	(D) restaurant
	New York City	3	11-18		+		Unknown	(B) restaurant
	New York City	3	11-18		+		Tuna	(C) home
	New York City	30	11-18				Unknown	(D) day care center
	New York City	2	11-22		+		Roast beef	(D) unknown
	New York City	2	11-26		+		Beef	(B) restaurant
	New York City	5	11-27		+		Turkey	(B) restaurant
	New York City	4	11-30		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	New York City	2	12-5		+		Salad	(B) restaurant
	New York City	2	12-5				Lamb curry	(B) restaurant
	New York City	3	12-8		+		Shrimp salad	(D) restaurant
	New York City	2	12-10		+		Unknown	(D) home
	New York City	2	12-11		+		Unknown	(D) restaurant
	New York City	15	12-17		+		Coffee	(D) home

New York City	2	12-26	+	Beef	(D) restaurant
New York City	3	12-26	+	Sauslaki	(D) restaurant
New York City	5	12-30	+	Beef	(D) restaurant
New York City	15	?	+	Roast beef	(D) church
New York City	5	?	+	Unknown	(D) youth center

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G. Guidelines for Confirmation of Foodborne Disease Outbreak

	<u>Clinical Syndrome</u>	<u>Laboratory and/or Epidemiologic Criteria</u>
<u>BACTERIAL</u>		
1. <u>Bacillus cereus</u>	a) incubation period 2-16 hrs. b) gastrointestinal syndrome	a) isolation of $\geq 10^5$ organisms per gram in epidemiologically incriminated food <u>OR</u> b) isolation of organism from stools of ill person
2. <u>Brucella</u>	a) incubation period several days to several months b) clinical syndrome compatible with brucellosis	a) $4x \uparrow$ in titer <u>OR</u> b) positive <u>blood</u> culture
3. <u>Clostridium botulinum</u>	a) incubation 2 hours - 8 days usually 12-48 hours) b) clinical syndrome compatible with botulism (see CDC Botulism Manual)	a) detection of botulinum toxin in human sera, feces, or food <u>OR</u> b) isolation of <u>C. botulinum</u> organism from epidemiologically incriminated food or stools <u>OR</u> c) food epidemiologically incriminated
4. <u>Clostridium perfringens</u>	a) incubation period 9-15 hrs b) lower intestinal syndrome--majority of cases with diarrhea but little vomiting or fever	a) organisms of same serotype in epidemiologically incriminated food and stool of ill individuals <u>OR</u> b) isolation of organisms with same serotype in stool of most ill individuals and not in stool of controls <u>OR</u> c) $\geq 10^5$ organisms per gram in epidemiologically incriminated food provided specimen properly handled
5. <u>Escherichia coli</u>	a) incubation period 6-36 hrs b) gastrointestinal syndrome--majority of cases with diarrhea	a) demonstration of organisms of same serotype in epidemiologically incriminated food and stool of ill individuals and not in stool of controls <u>OR</u> b) isolation of $\geq 10^5$ per gram organisms of same serotype in implicated food <u>OR</u> c) isolation of organism of same serotype from stool of

	<u>Clinical Syndrome</u>	<u>Laboratory and/or Epidemiologic Criteria</u>
		most ill individuals and, if possible, organisms should be tested for enterotoxigenicity and invasiveness by special laboratory techniques
6.	Salmonella	a) incubation period 6-48 hrs b) gastrointestinal syndrome--majority of cases with diarrhea a) isolation of salmonella organism from epidemiologically implicated food <u>OR</u> b) isolation of salmonella organism from stools of ill individuals
7.	Shigella	a) incubation period 12-50 hrs b) gastrointestinal syndrome--majority of cases with diarrhea a) isolation of shigella organism from epidemiologically implicated food <u>OR</u> b) isolation of shigella organism from stools of ill individuals
8.	<u>Staphylococcus aureus</u>	a) incubation period 30 min - 8 hrs (usually 2-4 hrs) b) gastrointestinal syndrome--majority of cases with vomiting a) detection of enterotoxin in epidemiologically implicated food <u>OR</u> b) organisms with same phage type in stools or vomitus of ill individuals and, when possible, implicated food and/or skin or nose of food handler <u>OR</u> c) isolation of $= 10^5$ organisms per gram in epidemiologically implicated food
9.	Group A streptococcus	a) incubation period 1-4 days b) febrile URI syndrome a) isolation of organisms with same M and T type from implicated food <u>OR</u> b) isolation of organisms with same M and T type from throats of ill individuals
10.	<u>Vibrio cholerae</u>	a) incubation period 1-3 days b) gastrointestinal syndrome--majority of cases with diarrhea and without fever a) isolation of <u>V. cholerae</u> from epidemiologically incriminated food <u>OR</u> b) isolation of organisms from stools or vomitus of ill individuals

<u>Clinical Syndrome</u>	<u>Epidemiologic Criteria</u>
	OR
	c) significant rise in vibriocidal, bacterial agglutinating, or antitoxin antibodies in acute and early convalescent sera, or significant fall in vibriocidal antibodies in early and late convalescent sera in persons not recently immunized
11. <u>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</u>	a) incubation period 15-24 hrs b) gastrointestinal syndrome--majority of cases with diarrhea
	a) isolation of $\geq 10^5$ organisms from epidemiologically implicated food (usually seafood) OR b) isolation of Kanagawa-positive organisms of same serotype from stool of ill individuals
12. Others	clinical data appraised in individual circumstances
	laboratory data appraised in individual circumstances

CHEMICAL

1. Heavy metals  Antimony Cadmium Copper Iron Tin Zinc, etc	a) incubation period 5 min to 8 hrs (usually less than 1 hr)  b) clinical syndrome compatible with heavy metal poisoning--usually gastrointestinal syndrome and often metallic taste	demonstration of high concentration of metallic ion in epidemiologically incriminated food or beverage
2. Ichthyosarcotoxin		
Ciguatoxin	a) incubation period 1-36 hrs (usually 2-8 hrs)  b) clinical syndrome compatible with ciguatera--usually initial gastrointestinal symptoms followed by dry mouth, paraesthesias of lips, tongue, throat or extremities. A sensation of looseness and pain in the teeth and a paradoxical temperature sensation are characteristic	a) demonstration of ciguatoxin in epidemiologically incriminated fish OR b) Ciguatera-associated fish epidemiologically incriminated
Puffer fish (tetrodotoxin)	a) incubation period 10 min to 3 hrs (usually 10-45 min)  b) clinical syndrome compatible	a) demonstration of tetrodotoxin in fish OR b) puffer fish epidemiologi-

	Clinical Syndrome	Laboratory and/or Epidemiologic Criteria
	with puffer fish poisoning-- paraesthesias of lips, tongue, face or extremities often followed by numbness, loss of proprioception or a "floating" sensation	cally incriminated
Scombrototoxin	a) incubation period 1 min to 3 hrs (usually less than 1 hr)  b) clinical syndrome compatible with scombroid fish poisoning often including flushing, head- ache, dizziness, burning of mouth and throat, upper and lower gastrointestinal symp- toms, urticaria and generalized pruritus	a) demonstration of ele- vated histamine levels in epidemiologically incrim- inated fish <u>OR</u> b) fish of order Scombro- dei or fish associated with scombroid poisoning (e.g. mahi-mahi) epi- demiologically incriminated
3. Monosodium glutamate	a) incubation period 3 min to 2 hours (usually less than 1 hr)  b) clinical syndrome compatible with monosodium glutamate intoxication--often including burning sensations in chest, neck, abdomen or extremities, sensations of lightness and pressure over face, or a heavy feeling in the chest	history of large amounts (usually $\geq$ 1.5 grams) of MSG having been added to epidemiologically incriminated food
4. Mushroom poison		
Group containing ibotenic acid and muscimol	a) incubation period 1-12 hrs (usually less than 4 hrs)  b) clinical syndrome compatible with mushroom poisoning by this group--often including confu- sion, delirium, visual disturbances	a) demonstration of toxic chemical in epidemiologi- cally incriminated mushrooms <u>OR</u> b) epidemiologically incriminated mushrooms identified as a toxic type
Group containing amatoxins and phallotoxins, or gyromitrin	a) incubation period 5-18 hrs  b) characteristic clinical syndrome compatible with mushroom poisoning by this group--upper and lower gastro- intestinal symptoms followed by hepatic and/or renal failure	a) demonstration of toxic chemical in epidemiologi- cally incriminated mushrooms <u>OR</u> b) epidemiologically incriminated mushrooms identified as a toxic type
Groups containing muscarine, psilocybin and psilocin, gastro- intestinal irritants, disulfiram-like compounds	a) characteristic incubation period  b) clinical syndrome compatible with mushroom poisoning by these groups	a) demonstration of toxic chemical in epidemiologi- cally incriminated mush- rooms <u>OR</u> b) epidemiologically

	<u>Clinical Syndrome</u>	<u>Laboratory and/or Epidemiologic Criteria</u>
		incriminated mushroom identified as toxic type
5.	Paralytic and Neurotoxic shell- fish poison	a) incubation period 30 min to 3 hrs  b) clinical syndrome compatible with paralytic shellfish poison- ing--often including paraesthe- sias of lips, mouth or face and often upper and lower gastro- intestinal symptoms
		a) detection of toxin in epidemiologically incriminated mollusks <u>OR</u> b) detection of large numbers of shellfish poisoning-associated species of dinoflagellates in water from which epi- demiologically incriminated mollusks gathered
6.	Other chemicals	clinical data appraised in individual circumstances  laboratory data appraised in individual circumstances
<u>PARASITIC AND VIRAL</u>		
1.	<u>Trichinella</u> <u>spiralis</u>	a) incubation period 3-30 days  b) clinical syndrome compatible with trichinosis--often includ- ing fever, high eosinophil count, orbital edema, myalgia
		a) muscle biopsy from ill individual <u>OR</u> b) serological tests <u>OR</u> c) demonstration of larvae in incriminated food
2.	Hepatitis A	a) incubation period 10-45 days  b) clinical syndrome compatible with hepatitis--usually includ- ing jaundice, GI symptoms, dark urine
		liver function tests compatible with hepatitis in affected persons who consumed the epidemiolog- ically incriminated food
3.	Others	clinical evidence appraised in individual circumstances  laboratory evidence appraised in individual circumstances

### III. WATERBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS, 1975

This report summarizes data on waterborne disease outbreaks reported to CDC in 1975.

#### A. Definition of Outbreak

A waterborne disease outbreak is defined in this report as: an incident in which (1) 2 or more persons experience similar illness after consumption of water, and (2) epidemiologic evidence implicates the water as the source of illness.

There is 1 exception; 1 case of chemical poisoning constitutes an outbreak if the water is demonstrated to be contaminated by the chemical. In most of the reported outbreaks, the implicated water source was demonstrated to be contaminated; only outbreaks associated with water used for drinking are included.

#### B. Sources of Data

Waterborne disease outbreaks are reported to CDC by state health departments. No standard reporting form is used but one has recently been devised and is presently being field tested in 8 states (see Section E). In addition, the Water Supply Research Laboratory, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), contacts all state water supply agencies to obtain information about additional outbreaks. Personnel from CDC and EPA work together in the evaluation and investigation of waterborne disease outbreaks. When requested by a state health department, CDC and EPA can offer epidemiologic assistance and provide expertise in the engineering and environmental aspects of water purification. Data obtained on outbreaks are reviewed and summarized by representatives from CDC and EPA. A line listing of reported waterborne disease outbreaks in 1975 is included (see Section F).

In this report municipal systems are public or investor owned water supplies that may serve either large or small communities. Individual water systems, generally wells or springs, are used exclusively by single residences in areas that are without municipal systems. Semi-public water systems, also found in areas without municipal systems, are developed and maintained for use by several residences (e.g. subdivisions), industries, camps, parks, resorts, institutions, hotels, and other establishments at which the general public is likely to have access to drinking water.

#### C. Interpretation of Data

Data included in this summary of waterborne disease outbreaks have limitations similar to those outlined in the foodborne disease summary and must be interpreted with caution since they represent only a small part of a larger public health problem. These data are helpful in revealing the various etiologies of waterborne diseases, the seasonal occurrence of outbreaks, and the deficiencies in water systems that most frequently result in outbreaks. As in the past the pathogen(s) responsible for many outbreaks in 1975 remains unknown. It is hoped that advances in laboratory techniques and standardization of reporting of waterborne disease outbreaks will augment our knowledge of waterborne pathogens and the factors responsible for waterborne disease outbreaks.

#### D. Analysis of Data

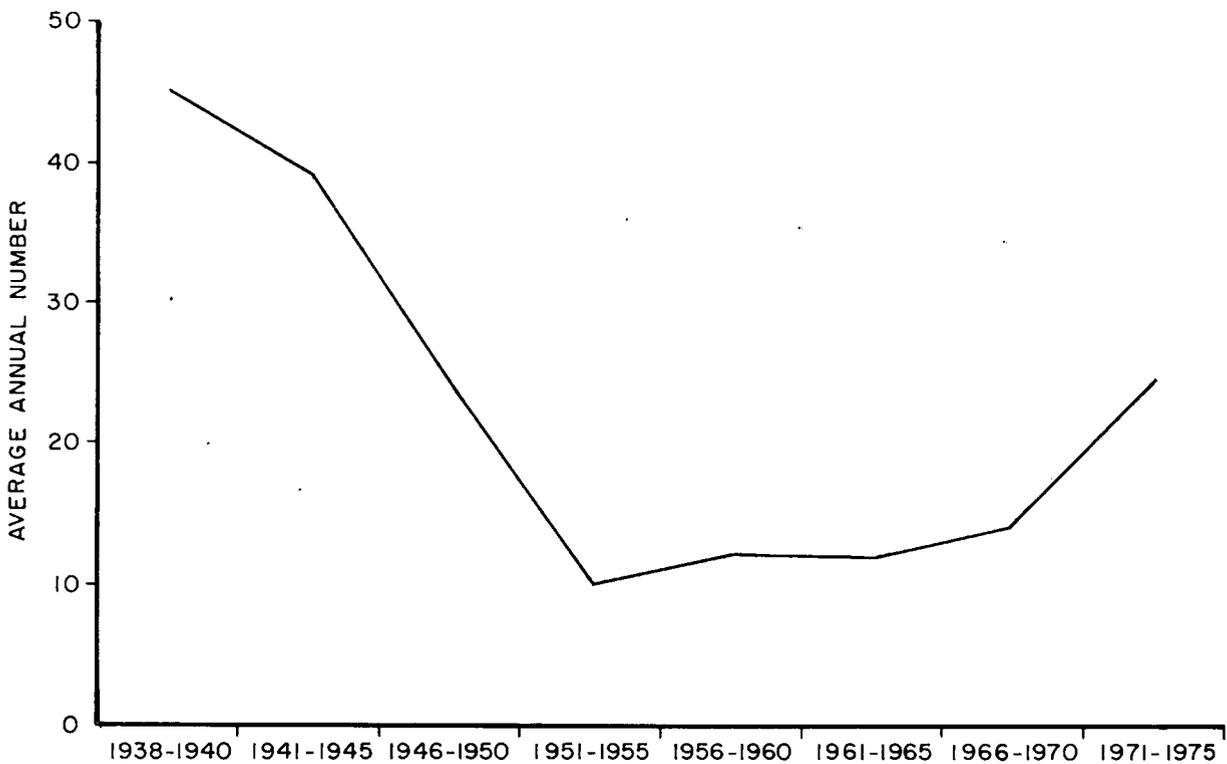
In 1975, 24 waterborne disease outbreaks involving 10,879 cases were reported to CDC (Table 1). No etiologic agent was found for the 2 largest outbreaks: 1 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and 1 in Sellersburg, Indiana. The third largest outbreak, involving over 1,000 persons, occurred at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. Toxigenic *Escherichia coli*, serotype 06:H16, was isolated from ill park residents and from the park's water supply.

Table 1  
Waterborne Disease Outbreaks,  
1972--1975

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outbreaks	29	24	28	24	105
Cases	1,638	1,720	8,413	10,879	22,650



Fig. 2 AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER WATERBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS, 1938-1975



In Table 3, outbreaks and cases are classified by type of water system and the system deficiency responsible for the outbreak. Treatment deficiencies were responsible for the most outbreaks, however, deficiencies in the distribution systems of 5 municipal water supplies were responsible for the highest number of cases.

Table 3

Waterborne Disease Outbreaks, by Type of System, and Cause of System Deficiency, 1975

	MUNICIPAL		SEMI-PUBLIC		INDIVIDUAL		TOTAL	
	Outbreaks	Cases	Outbreaks	Cases	Outbreaks	Cases	Outbreaks	Cases
Untreated surface water	-	-	1	7	2	26	3	33
Untreated ground water	-	-	5	774	-	-	5	774
Treatment deficiencies	-	-	8	2,695	-	-	8	2,695
Deficiencies in distribution system	5	6,961	-	-	-	-	5	6,961
Miscellaneous	1	350	2	66	-	-	3	416
TOTAL	6	7,311	16	3,542	2	26	24	10,879

The distribution of all outbreaks by month is shown in Table 4. As in the past, outbreaks tended to occur in the spring and summer; 17 (71%) of the outbreaks began in May, June, July, August, and September. All 11 outbreaks in recreational areas occurred in the spring and summer months, May to September (Table 5).

Table 4

Waterborne Disease Outbreaks, by Month of Occurrence, 1975

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Outbreaks</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Outbreaks</u>
January	1	July	3
February	1	August	4
March	1	September	2
April	2	October	2
May	2	November	0
June	6	December	0
Total 24			

Table 5

Waterborne Disease Outbreaks Involving Semi-Public Water Supplies, by Month and Population Affected, 1975

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Outbreaks</u>	<u>Usual Population*</u>	<u>Visitors**</u>
January	1	1	-
February	-	-	-
March	-	-	-
April	-	-	-
May	2	1	1
June	5	1	4
July	3	-	3
August	3	1	2
September	1	-	1
October	1	1	-
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
TOTAL	16	5	11

\*Outbreaks affecting individuals using the water supply on a regular basis

\*\*Outbreaks affecting individuals not using the water supply on a regular basis

In addition to outbreaks due to consumption of water, 2 outbreaks of leptospirosis were attributed to swimming in contaminated surface water. Seven children in Tennessee developed infection with Leptospira interrogans serotype grippityphosa after swimming in a small local stream. Two persons in Louisiana became infected with leptospire of the serotype icterohaemorrhagiae after bathing in a man-made lake.

E. INVESTIGATION OF A WATERBORNE OUTBREAK

Pretest

1. Where did the outbreak occur? State \_\_\_\_\_ (1-2) City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of outbreak: (Date of onset of 1st case) \_\_\_\_\_ (3-8)

3. Indicate actual (a) or estimated (e) numbers:  
 Persons exposed \_\_\_\_\_ (9-11)  
 Persons ill \_\_\_\_\_ (12-14)  
 Hospitalized \_\_\_\_\_ (15-16)  
 Fatal cases \_\_\_\_\_ (17)

4. History of exposed persons:  
 No. histories obtained \_\_\_\_\_ (18-20)  
 No. persons with symptoms \_\_\_\_\_ (21-23)  
 Nausea \_\_\_\_\_ (24-26) Diarrhea \_\_\_\_\_ (33-35)  
 Vomiting \_\_\_\_\_ (27-29) Fever \_\_\_\_\_ (36-38)  
 Cramps \_\_\_\_\_ (30-32)  
 Other, specify (39) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Incubation period (hours):  
 Shortest \_\_\_\_\_ (40-42) Longest \_\_\_\_\_ (43-45)  
 Median \_\_\_\_\_ (46-48)

6. Duration of illness (hours):  
 Shortest \_\_\_\_\_ (49-51) Longest \_\_\_\_\_ (52-54)  
 Median \_\_\_\_\_ (55-57)

7. Epidemiologic data (e.g., attack rates [number ill/number exposed] for persons who did or did not eat or drink specific food items or water, attack rate by quantity of water consumed, anecdotal information) \* (58)

ITEMS SERVED	NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATE OR DRANK SPECIFIED FOOD OR WATER				NUMBER WHO DID NOT EAT OR DRINK SPECIFIED FOOD OR WATER			
	ILL	NOT ILL	TOTAL	PERCENT ILL	ILL	NOT ILL	TOTAL	PERCENT ILL

8. Vehicle responsible (item incriminated by epidemiologic evidence): (59-60) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Water supply characteristics

- (A) Type of water supply\*\* (61)
- Municipal or community supply (Name \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Individual household supply
  - Semi-public water supply
  - Institution, school, church
  - Camp, recreational area
  - Other, \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bottled water

(B) Water source (check all applicable): (62-65)

- Well
- Spring
- Lake, pond
- River, stream

(C) Treatment provided (circle treatment of each source checked in B):

- a    b    c    d    a. no treatment
- a    b    c    d    b. disinfection only
- a    b    c    d    c. purification plant — coagulation, settling, filtration, disinfection (circle those applicable)
- a    b    c    d    d. other \_\_\_\_\_

10. Point where contamination occurred: (66)

- Raw water source
- Treatment plant
- Distribution system

\*See HSM 4.245 (NCDC) Investigation of a Foodborne Outbreak, Item 7.  
 \*\*Municipal or community water supplies are public or investor owned utilities. Individual water supplies are wells or springs used by single residences. Semipublic water systems are individual-type water supplies serving a group of residences or locations where the general public is likely to have access to drinking water. These locations include schools, camps, parks, resorts, hotels, industries, institutions, subdivisions, trailer parks, etc., that do not obtain water from a municipal water system but have developed and maintain their own water supply.

11. Water specimens examined: (67)

(Specify by "X" whether water examined was original (drunk at time of outbreak) or check-up (collected before or after outbreak occurred))

ITEM	ORIGINAL	CHECK UP	DATE	FINDINGS		BACTERIOLOGIC TECHNIQUE (e.g., fermentation tube, membrane filter)
				Quantitative	Qualitative	
Examples: Tap water	X		6/12/74	10 fecal coliforms per 100 ml.		
Raw water		X	6/2/74	23 total coliforms per 100 ml.		

12. Treatment records: (Indicate method used to determine chlorine residual):

Example: Chlorine residual - One sample from treatment plant effluent on 6/11/74 - trace of free chlorine  
 Three samples from distribution system on 6/12/74 - no residual found

13. Specimens from patients examined (stool, vomitus, etc.) (68)

SPECIMEN	NO. PERSONS	FINDINGS
Example: Stool	11	8 <i>Salmonella typhi</i> 3 negative

14. Unusual occurrence of events:

Example: Repair of water main 6/11/74; pit contaminated with sewage, no main disinfection. Turbid water reported by consumers 6/12/74.

15. Factors contributing to outbreak (check all applicable):

- Overflow of sewage
- Seepage of sewage
- Flooding, heavy rains
- Use of untreated water
- Use of supplementary source
- Water inadequately treated
- Interruption of disinfection
- Inadequate disinfection
- Deficiencies in other treatment processes
- Cross-connection
- Back-siphonage
- Contamination of mains during construction or repair
- Improper construction, location of well/spring
- Use of water not intended for drinking
- Contamination of storage facility
- Contamination through creviced limestone or fissured rock
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Etiology: (69-70)

Pathogen _____	Suspected	(71) 1
Chemical _____	Confirmed	2 (Circle one)
Other _____	Unknown	3

17. Remarks: Briefly describe aspects of the investigation not covered above, such as unusual age or sex distribution; unusual circumstances leading to contamination of water; epidemic curve; control measures implemented; etc. (Attach additional page if necessary)

Name of reporting agency: (72)

Investigating Official:

Date of investigation:

Note: Epidemic and Laboratory assistance for the investigation of a waterborne outbreak is available upon request by the State Health Department to the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

To improve national surveillance, please send a copy of this report to: Center for Disease Control  
 Attn: Enteric Diseases Branch, Bacterial Diseases Division  
 Bureau of Epidemiology  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Submitted copies should include as much information as possible, but the completion of every item is not required.

F. LINE LISTING OF WATERBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS

F. Line Listing of Waterborne Disease Outbreaks, 1975

<u>State</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Type of System</u>	<u>System Deficiency*</u>
Arkansas	June	Acute gastrointestinal illness	500	Semi-public	3
Arkansas	August	Acute gastrointestinal illness	23	Semi-public	3
California	May	Acute gastrointestinal illness	80	Semi-public	3
California	June	Acute gastrointestinal illness	900	Semi-public	3
California	July	Acute gastrointestinal illness	19	Semi-public	3
Idaho	September	Giardiasis	9	Individual	1
Indiana	April	Acute gastrointestinal illness	1,400	Municipal	4
Louisiana	May	Fuel oil poisoning	26	Semi-public	5
Massachusetts	February	Hepatitis	17	Individual	1
Minnesota	June	Acute gastrointestinal illness	136	Semi-public	3
Montana	August	<u>Shigella sonnei</u>	56	Semi-public	2
New Jersey	January	Acute gastrointestinal illness	390	Semi-public	2
New Jersey	April	Acute gastrointestinal illness	350	Municipal	5
New Jersey	June	Lawn herbicide	4	Municipal	4
Ohio	June	Acute gastrointestinal illness	140	Semi-public	2

Oregon	June	Enterotoxigenic <u>Escherichia coli</u>	1,000	Semi-public	3
Oregon	September	Acute gastrointestinal illness	7	Semi-public	1
Pennsylvania	July	Acute gastrointestinal illness	88	Semi-public	2
Pennsylvania	August	Acute gastrointestinal illness	37	Semi-public	3
Pennsylvania	August	Acute gastrointestinal illness	5,000	Municipal	4
Pennsylvania	October	Acute gastrointestinal illness	100	Semi-public	2
Puerto Rico	March	Acute gastrointestinal illness	550	Municipal	4
South Carolina	October	Ethyl acrylate	7	Municipal	4
Tennessee	July	Acute gastrointestinal illness	40	Semi-public	5

\*(1) Untreated surface water (2) Untreated ground water (3) Treatment deficiencies (4) Deficiencies in distribution system (5) Miscellaneous

#### IV. Outbreaks on Cruise Ships and Aircraft

This report summarizes data on outbreaks of gastrointestinal illness on cruise ships or aircraft that were reported to CDC in 1975.

##### A. Definition of Outbreak

Diarrheal illness on passenger vessels (vessels with 13 or more passengers) are reported by the Quarantine Stations to the Enteric Diseases Branch if (1) Three percent or more of passengers or crew are ill; (2) One or more passengers or crew members is ill and the vessel has been in a cholera-infected area within the previous 5 days; (3) There has been a death or hospitalization aboard the vessel in a person who had a diarrheal illness.

After such an incident is reported, the need for a full investigation is determined by the severity, timing, and magnitude of the problem. The outbreaks tabulated in this report (Table 1) are the incidents that have been fully investigated by CDC. These investigations usually included questionnaire surveys of passengers and crew, detailed evaluation of sanitation, and laboratory analysis of food, water, environmental, and patient specimens. The Quarantine Division evaluated 5 additional incidents with medical log reviews and environmental inspections only.

Table 1

Outbreaks of Gastrointestinal Illness on Cruise Ships, 1975

Vessel	Date	Port	Length Of Cruise (Days)	Number of Passengers	Percent of Passengers Ill	Etiology	Vehicle
A	February	Miami	7	742	42	Unknown	Unknown
B	February	Port Everglades	12	734	61	<u>Vibrio</u> <u>parahaem-</u> <u>olyticus</u>	Shrimp
C	September	Miami	14	612	44	Unknown	Unknown
D	September	San Juan	7	559	31	Unknown	Unknown
E	November	Port Everglades	12	365	29	Unknown	Water
F	December	Honolulu	7	332	9	Unknown	Unknown
G	December	Los Angeles	52	62	43	Unknown	Unknown
H <sub>1</sub>	December	Miami	4	836	Unknown	<u>Escherichia</u>	
H <sub>2</sub>	January (76)	Miami	4	904	31	<u>coli 025</u>	Unknown

##### B. Analysis of Data

In 1975 diarrhea outbreaks were investigated on 8 ships (Table 1) and 1 aircraft. Two successive voyages (H<sub>1</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>) of 1 ship were involved in 1 outbreak. Seven of the 8 shipboard outbreaks were on Caribbean trips. The 1 outbreak on an aircraft took place after a stop in Alaska where the responsible food was prepared.

In most ship outbreaks neither the vehicle of transmission nor the etiology could be determined (Table 1). On vessel B Vibrio parahaemolyticus spread by contaminated shrimp caused the outbreak. On vessel H an enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli serotype 025 caused the outbreak; however, the vehicle was not determined. Staphylococcus aureus caused the aircraft outbreak.

Details of the V. parahaemolyticus outbreak were included in the 1974 Annual Summary. The following information on 2 ship outbreaks (vessels E and H) and the aircraft outbreak has been excerpted from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

#### Diarrheal Illness Aboard a Cruise Ship (MMWR 24(49):419, 1975)

On the November 13-25 cruise of Vessel E, 100 of 343 passengers (29.2%) and 16 of 256 crew members (6.3%) experienced a diarrheal illness. According to questionnaires

these 599 individuals answered at the completion of their journey, symptoms included abdominal cramps (49%), headache (35%), nausea (34%), vomiting (25%), and fever (17%). The median duration of illness was approximately 2 days. Twenty-nine percent of the ill passengers consulted the ship's medical staff, and 29% were confined to their cabins for at least 1 day because of illness.

One crew member became ill on November 12, the day before the cruise began. Three additional crew members and 9 passengers became ill before the ship's first stop on November 15 (Figure 1). Nine of the 16 crew members who developed diarrhea were food handlers; all but 1 of them continued to work in the kitchen while ill. The questionnaire, completed by 94% of the passengers, demonstrated a statistically significant association between illness and consumption of water aboard the ship (Table 2).

Cultures of rectal swabs obtained from ill and well passengers and crew on November 25 were negative for salmonellae, shigellae, and pathogenic vibrios. No coliform bacteria were found in samples from the ship's water distribution and storage system; however, the system had recently been chlorinated.

On October 20, 1975, the Center for Disease Control had conducted a routine sanitation inspection of the ship's facilities and found that the ship did not meet the minimum standards recommended by CDC. Multiple deficiencies were found in the potable water system. Among these were that: 1) the water was not chlorinated when it was pumped into the ship; 2) no free chlorine was detectable in the water distribution system; and 3) some potable water faucets were not adequately equipped to prevent back-siphonage. The findings and recommendations of the inspection team were given to the ship's captain, the ship's agent, and the shipping company. On November 13, the day the cruise started on which the outbreak occurred, a follow-up inspection revealed that the deficiencies had not been corrected. The deficiencies were again called to the attention of the ship's captain.

Fig. 1 ONSET OF ILLNESS AMONG PASSENGERS AND CREW, BY DATE, VESSEL E, NOVEMBER 1975

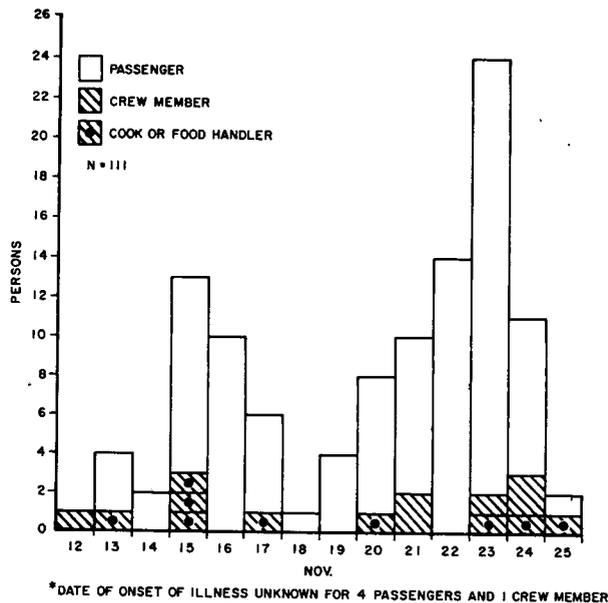


Table 2

Association Between Illness and Average Daily Water Consumption Among Passengers, Vessel E, November 13-25, 1975

Glasses per Day	Ill*	Well	% Ill
0	7	41	14.6
≥1	91	164	35.7

Fishers 2-tail test  $p = .004$

\*Ill passengers were asked how much water they drank before the onset of illness.

A follow-up inspection conducted on December 6, 1975, before the Vessel E resumed its cruise schedule, revealed that the major deficiencies in the water system had been corrected, and the remaining items were being repaired.

Editorial Note

Epidemiologic investigation found an association between diarrheal illness and consumption of drinking water on board the ship. The multiple deficiencies in the water system noted on 2 previous inspections may have contributed to this outbreak.

Diarrheal Illness on a Cruise Ship Caused by Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (MMWR 25(29):229, 1976)

An outbreak of diarrheal illness occurred aboard Vessel H on 2 successive 4-day cruises from December 26, 1975, to January 2, 1976. A non-motile enterotoxigenic strain of *Escherichia coli* serotype 025 producing only heat-labile enterotoxin was isolated from passengers and crew on both cruises.

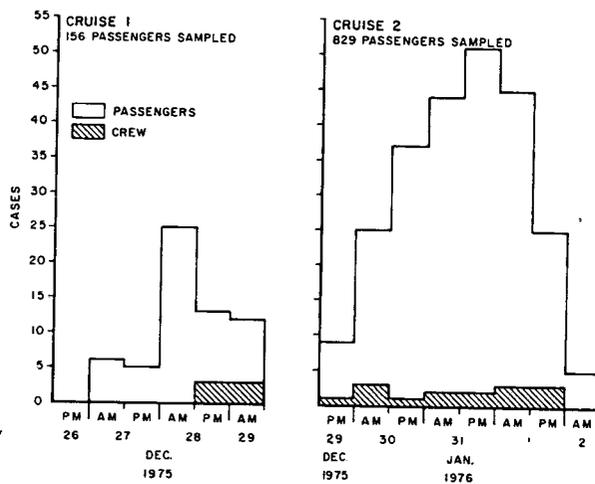
A limited survey of 156 (18%) of 863 passengers on voyage 1 and a more complete survey of 829 (92%) of 904 passengers on voyage 2 revealed that at least 64 passengers on voyage 1 and 259 (31%) passengers on voyage 2 had experienced a diarrheal illness during the voyage. Other symptoms experienced by the passengers included headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and fever (Table 3).

Table 3

Symptoms Associated with Diarrhea in Passengers on 2 Cruises, December 26, 1975 - January 2, 1976

Symptoms	Cruise 1 n=64	Cruise 2 n=259
Abdominal cramps	87%	83%
Nausea	81%	55%
Headache	60%	44%
Vomiting	39%	19%
Fever (subjective)	33%	25%

FIGURE 2. Diarrheal illness among passengers and crew,\* Vessel H



\*339 crew sampled

The median duration of illness on both cruises was 2 days; however, many passengers were still ill at the time of the surveys. Illnesses began as early as 12 hours after boarding and both outbreaks peaked in 36-48 hours (Figure 2).

Crew members were not surveyed on cruise 1; however, 4 members were treated for diarrhea by the ship's physician. Twenty-six (7.7%) of 339 crew members surveyed on cruise 2 reported diarrhea; 5 of the crew members handled food or beverages while ill.

Passengers on cruise 2 were asked about food and water consumption during the first 24 hours of the cruise. Analysis revealed an association between diarrhea and eating crabmeat cocktail ( $p < .001$ ). Consumption of 1 or more glasses of water per day was also associated with illness ( $p < .05$ ). On cruise 1, no association between ship's water or ice and illness could be demonstrated. An environmental survey revealed numerous deficiencies in food handling practices.

Non-motile enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli, serotype 025, producing heat-labile (LT) enterotoxin, was isolated from 29 (83%) of 35 ill passengers and 6 (40%) of 15 well passengers from the 2 voyages ( $p < .01$ ). Two of 8 culture-positive passengers had a 4-fold rise in LT enterotoxin antibody titer when acute and convalescent sera were tested. Fourteen (88%) of 16 ill crew were infected with E. coli 025 compared with 1 (7%) of 14 well crew members ( $p < .0001$ ).

Salmonella senftenberg was isolated from 2 passengers (who did not have E. coli 025) on cruise 1 and from liver pâté and cooked lobster on the same cruise. Water, ice, environmental cultures, and food specimens were negative for E. coli.

To correct the deficiencies in food and drink handling practices, the line employed a sanitarian to institute and supervise proper food handling practices. Investigation also revealed that refrigeration on the vessel was deficient and that freshly distilled water was not being chlorinated, although the main water distribution system was adequately chlorinated. After refrigeration facilities were improved and an automatic chlorinator for the distillation system was installed, the vessel sailed on its next voyage on January 3. No outbreaks of diarrhea have been reported in subsequent cruises of the vessel.

#### Editorial Note

Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli is a well documented cause of diarrheal illness; however, this is the first reported outbreak caused by E. coli producing only LT enterotoxin. The mode of transmission in this outbreak is unclear.

S. senftenberg possibly contributed to the outbreak on cruise 1. The most likely vehicle of transmission was contaminated food since the same organism was recovered from 2 food items that were eaten without additional cooking.

#### Outbreak of Staphylococcal Food Poisoning Aboard an Aircraft (MMWR 24(7):57, 1975)

On February 2, 1975, 196 (57%) of 343 passengers and 1 of 20 crew members aboard a chartered commercial aircraft flying from Tokyo to Copenhagen, with an interim stop in Anchorage, developed a gastrointestinal illness characterized by diarrhea (88%), vomiting (82%), abdominal cramps (74%), and nausea (68%). The illness began occurring shortly before the plane landed in Copenhagen after an 8½ hour flight from Anchorage. One hundred forty-three (73%) of the ill passengers and the 1 crew member were hospitalized in Copenhagen. Approximately 30 passengers required intravenous fluids, but there were no deaths or serious sequelae.

A snack was served aboard the flight approximately 1 hour after the plane left Anchorage; breakfast was served approximately 5½ hours later, 1½-2 hours before the plane landed in Copenhagen. Four galleys were used to prepare food and all passengers received the same food.

Epidemiologic investigation revealed that 115 (86%) of 133 passengers sitting in the front of the plane and served food prepared in galleys 1 and 2 were ill, compared with 81 (39%) of 210 passengers sitting in the area served food prepared in galleys 3 and 4 ( $p < .001$ ). Food specific attack rates demonstrated a statistically significant association between illness and consumption of ham at the breakfast meal (Table 4). The ham had been served on top of cheese omelettes. Cases occurred 30 minutes to 5½ hours after eating the breakfast meal with a mean of about 2.5 hours (Figure 3).

Except for the 1 crew member who ate ham, none of the crew aboard the aircraft, including the pilots, became ill. Since it was suppertime for the crew, which had boarded in Anchorage, they were served a steak dinner instead of the breakfast meal. Some of the crew ate the same snack as the passengers.

The snack and breakfast were prepared in Anchorage by a catering company owned by the airline. Three cooks were involved in the preparation of the ham and omelettes. Cooks No. 1 and No. 2 and assistant No. 1 worked from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on February 1. They first cracked and mixed 120 dozen eggs. Cook No. 2 then made 133 omelettes for use in galleys 1 and 2, and cook No. 1 placed ham slices on these omelettes. This ham had been sliced and fried the previous day by assistant No. 1 and refrigerated overnight. Cook No. 1 then made 72 omelettes for use in galleys 3 and 4, and cook No. 2 put ham slices on these omelettes.

Table 4

## Food Specific Attack Rates

Food	Persons Eating Food			Persons Not Eating Food		
	Ill	Not Ill	Percent Ill	Ill	Not Ill	Percent Ill
Snack:						
Tuna	125	119	51	67	28	71
Roast	148	127	54	44	20	69
Chicken	127	120	51	65	27	71
Shrimp	163	128	56	29	19	60
Choc. Cake	115	104	53	77	43	64
Breakfast:						
Omelette	169	133	56	23	14	62
*Ham	190	139	58	2	8	20
Yogurt	147	98	60	45	49	49
Roll	166	135	55	26	12	68
Butter	137	130	51	55	17	76
Cheese	103	94	52	89	53	63

\*Fisher's two-tail P = .023

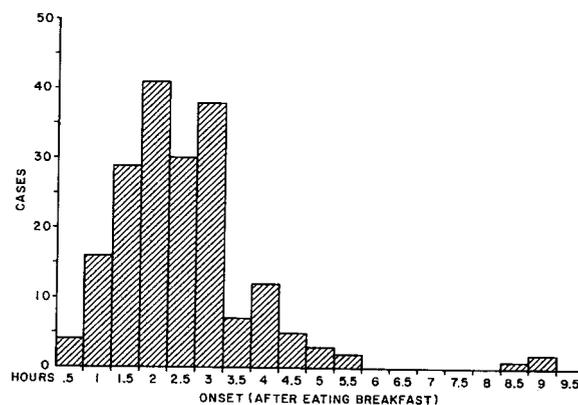
Cook No. 3 and assistant No. 2 worked from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cook No. 3 made omelettes for the remaining passengers served by galleys 3 and 4, and assistant No. 2 placed ham slices on these omelettes. The ham and omelettes were stored at room temperature during the 6 hours required for preparation. Following preparation, this food was placed for 14½ hours in a holding room where the temperature was measured at 10°C (50°F) before and after the outbreak. Beginning about 7:30 a.m. the next day, the snack and breakfast food were loaded onto the plane. The snack was refrigerated, but the breakfast food was stored at room temperature in the galley ovens until it was heated just prior to serving.

Coagulase-positive Staphylococcus aureus lysed by group III phages 53 and 83a was isolated from an inflamed lesion on a finger on the right hand of Cook No. 1, from fecal and other specimens from 5 ill patients, from 3 leftover ham samples, and from 2 leftover omelette samples. S. aureus with the same phage pattern was also isolated from the wrist of cook No. 3 and the nose of assistant No. 2. S. aureus lysed by group I phages 29, 52, 80, 81, and 85 was isolated from 1 patient, from 1 of the omelette samples, and from the nose of cook No. 2. Assistant No. 1 was negative for S. aureus. The antibiogram patterns of the 2 S. aureus phage types were different. At the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Laboratories the phage group III strain was found to produce type D enterotoxin, while the phage group I strain did not produce enterotoxin. Type D enterotoxin was isolated from leftover ham and omelette.

## Editorial Note

This large foodborne outbreak resulted from ham that had been handled by a cook who had an inflamed finger lesion from which S. aureus was cultured. The ham was then held at room temperature for a sufficient amount of time to allow growth of S. aureus

Fig. 3 FOODBORNE OUTBREAK ON AN AIRCRAFT, FEBRUARY 1975



and enterotoxin production. Staphylococcal enterotoxin is heat stable and not readily destroyed at ordinary cooking temperatures (1). S. aureus carriage may be found in up to 50% of foodhandlers and is especially high in persons with skin infections; however, this outbreak probably would not have occurred had the food been handled properly. Food served aboard aircraft should be refrigerated prior to heating and serving. Food handlers on the ground and crew members who work in aircraft galleys should be educated in proper foodhandling techniques and particularly in the risks involved in storing food at room temperature for prolonged periods.

This outbreak emphasizes the importance of serving pilots different food from that of the passengers and each other just before and during a flight.

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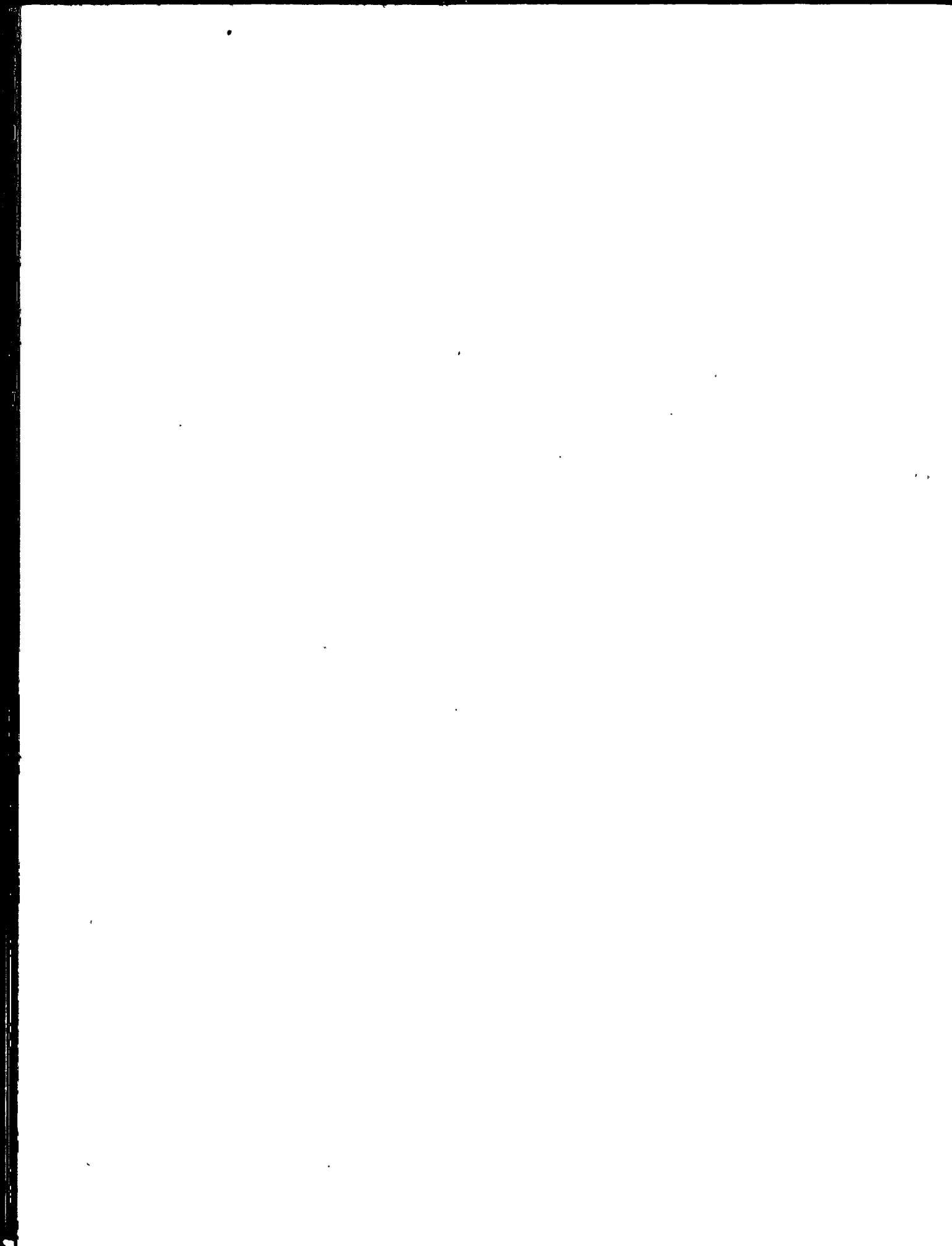
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