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*"The United States is fully committed to...
the containment of any laboratory material that
may harbor specimens of wild poliovirus"*

Tommy Thompson, Secretary for Health, DHHS

Purpose of National Survey

- Alert laboratories to the impending eradication of polio
- Encourage the disposition of all unneeded wild poliovirus materials
- Establish a **national inventory** of laboratories retaining poliovirus infectious and potential infectious materials

Purpose of National Inventory

- Maintain a current list of laboratories in which wild poliovirus may be present
- Keep laboratories informed of biosafety developments
- Notify laboratories of polio eradication progress and when to implement containment requirements