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Press Release

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On October 22, 2005, a medical humanitarian airlift of approximately \$3 million of medicines and supplies will arrive in the Kyrgyz Republic. This project represents the active cooperation between USA and Kyrgyzstan and the goodwill of the American people to the Kyrgyz people. It is being carried out within the U.S. Department of State's Operation Provide Hope program.

This shipment includes the following categories of medicines and supplies: antibiotics, cardiology, antidiabetic, diuretic, gastrointestinal, anesthetics, non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs, syringes. These medicines have been donated by U.S. pharmaceutical manufacturers, including American Pharmaceutical Partners, Abbot Laboratories, Monarch Pharmaceuticals, Pliva Inc., Hospira, West-ward Pharmaceutical, Roche, Astra, McNeil, Teva, and Terumo.

The list of medicines and medical supplies was developed following an official request from the Kyrgyz Ministry of Health based on the needs of medical institutions. Over 50 thousand patients will be provided with drugs for treatment through this medical relief.

The project has been coordinated with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Health by the American PVO, CitiHope International. CitiHope International will coordinate the reception, distribution, and delivery of drugs and supplies to medical institutions with follow-up monitoring of rational drug use and reporting to the U.S. Department of State.

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