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FROM: Bruce A. Chernof, M.D. 
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SUBJECT: **MEDIA INQUIRY RE: GRAVE MARKERS OF CHINESE PERSONS INTERRED AT EVERGREEN CEMENTARY IN EAST LOS ANGELES**

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The Department was contacted regarding a press conference that was held this morning by representatives of the Chinese community to call attention to their concern regarding the relocation of grave markers of Chinese persons who were buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in East Los Angeles to an area alongside the driveway leading to the County Crematorium, which is operated by the Department of Health Services.

At this point, there is no information to report to you about when the relocation of grave markers occurred, (whether it happened in the 1920's or in recent times) and who was responsible. What was expressed during the press conference was a belief that employees of the Crematorium had relocated these markers over many years.

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The Department operates the crematorium and the small County Cemetery adjacent to it. The County facilities are inside the grounds of the much larger, privately operated Evergreen Cemetery.

We are currently investigating the facts around this matter and will provide you with information as soon as our investigation is complete.

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

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