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This week's package, embargoed until: 11a.m. (ET) Tuesday, March 24 2015 is:

## "Researchers Examine Effect of Experimental Ebola Vaccine After High-Risk Exposure"

Radio script (TRT:59)

EMBARGO: 11 a.m. (ET) Tuesday, March 24, 2015

VO: INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS AND VACCINES ARE BEING EVALUATED IN HOPES OF TREATING AND PREVENTING EBOLA VIRUS INFECTION. LAST SEPTEMBER, A U.S. DOCTOR EXPERIENCED AN ACCIDENTAL NEEDLESTICK WHILE CARING FOR CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS AT AN EBOLA TREATMENT UNIT IN SIERRA LEONE. HE RECEIVED AN INVESTIGATIONAL VACCINE AND WAS FLOWN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR OBSERVATION.

"At the times we used it in late September, it had been given to only one human previously."

VO: DR. MARK MULLIGAN FROM EMORY UNIVERSITY AND CO-AUTHORS ASSESSED THE DOCTOR'S RESPONSE TO THE V-S-V EBOLA VACCINE. BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN FOR POSSIBLE EBOLA INFECTION, THE DOCTOR WAS OFFERED THE INVESTIGATIONAL VACCINE. 43 HOURS AFTER THE ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE, THE DOCTOR RECEIVED THE VACCINE AS HE BOARDED A JET FOR EVACUATION TO THE U.S. THE FULL REPORT APPEARS IN JAMA, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

"The vaccine produced a strong immune response of the type we think could be useful in either a prevention or a post-exposure setting and also from the subsequent antibodies and T-cells that we want a vaccine to produce.

CATHERINE DOLF, THE JAMA REPORT.