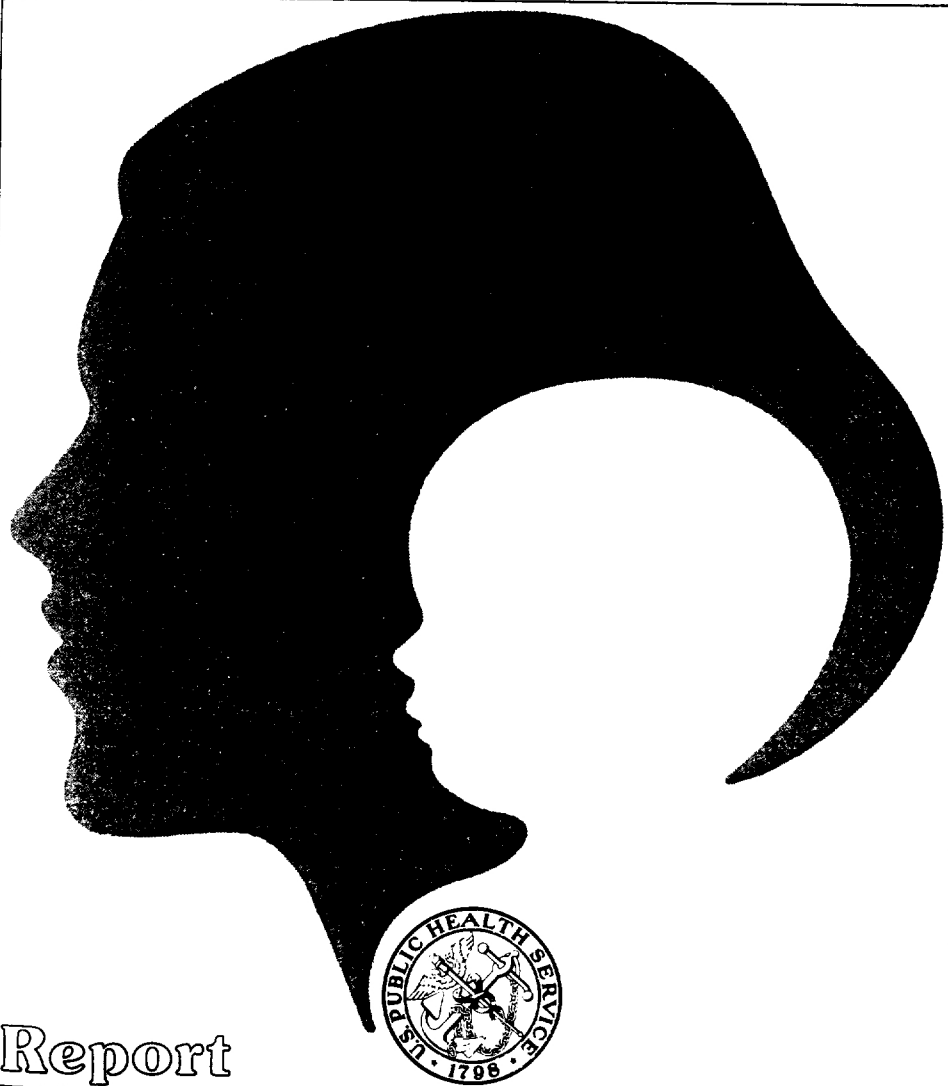


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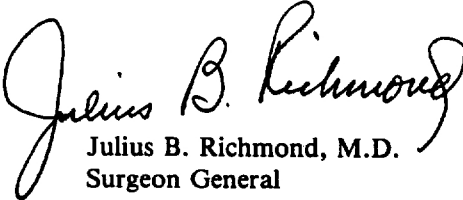
“Every woman should have quality prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy.”

Julius B. Richmond
Surgeon General of the United States

Preface

The Surgeon General's Workshop on Maternal and Infant Health was held because of our abiding interest in improving the health of this Nation's children. We can take great satisfaction with the recent decline in infant mortality which has been substantial; however, we may once again reach a plateau similar to that which occurred between 1955 and 1965, if we do not target our resources effectively. In addition, several population groups in the United States continue to have a significantly higher infant mortality and morbidity. These disparities require very careful attention if we, as a Nation, can reduce and eliminate them.

The participants at this Surgeon General's Workshop were called on to develop recommendations for a social strategy to insure that all of our knowledge is being applied fully in the service of better health for parents and their infants and to help target our efforts, especially for those who remain vulnerable—the unserved and the underserved.



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