initiate a cooperative research program between the two nations for systematic surveillance of food products moving between Japan and the United States at storage, shipment, transit, and receiving points. Only in this way can practical suggestions be evolved for the control of harmful fungal growth by identification of the points of initial contamination and those environmental situations in commerce conducive to fungal growth and mycotoxin production. Such investigations remain to be done.

The Toxic Microorganisms Panel sponsored a conference on toxic microorganisms in Hawaii in October 1968. Over 60 papers presented at this meeting will be published as a book entitled "Proceedings of the First U.S.–Japan Conference on Toxic Microorganisms" (U.S. Department of the Interior and UJNR Panels on Toxic Microorganisms, Washington, D.C.). Publication is scheduled for March of this year.

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Courses

Tropical Botany, Coral Gables, Fla., 15 June–31 July. The University of Miami, Fairchild Tropical Garden, and U.S. Plant Introduction Station will offer an NSF-sponsored advanced seminar for graduate students in plant science. Stipends and travel allowances are available. (Dr. Howard J. Teas, Coordinator, Tropical Botany Seminar, Department of Biology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. 33124).

Physics of Quantum Electronics, Prescott, Ariz., 22 June–3 July. The course will be similar to the ones held in 1968 and 1969 but with additional emphasis on superconductivity phenomena. Other subjects will include atomic coherence effects (light scattering, self-induced transparency, theory of the laser), nonlinear phenomena (pico-second pulses, parametric optics), and statistical properties of radiation. (Prof. S. F. Jacobs or Prof. M. O. Scully, Optical Science Center, University of Arizona, Tucson 85721).

Marine Sciences, Cape Henlopen, Del. Marine Biology, biological oceanography, algal ecology, and special problems will be presented 15 June–21 July; and benthic invertebrates, engineering in coastal environment, nearshore geotechnique, and special problems will be presented 27 July–28 August. A short course on field methods in marine geophysics will be offered 13–18 July. These courses will be appropriate for graduate students, undergraduates, and teachers. (Dr. Victor A. Lotrich, Marine Laboratories, 114 Wolf Hall, University of Delaware, Newark 19711).