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SUBJECT: Radiological Warfare Program Status Report of the Joint
AEC-NME Panel dated 10 January 1949

TO: Chairman, Research and Development Board,
Room 3E-600, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

1. On 7 April 1949 the Committee on Atomic Energy considered the
Radiological Warfare Program Status Report of the Joint AEC-NME Panel,
dated 10 January 1949.

2. The Committee on Atomic Energy approved the recommendations
in the Report of the Joint Panel dated 10 January 1949 and the following
recommendations pertaining thereto:

a. With reference to Recommendation A of the Joint Panel
Report that studies of the use of aerosols and the use of radiological
warfare agents for sabotage against personnel be limited at present to
the laboratory phase, the Committee on Atomic Energy approved this
recommendation with the understanding that the laboratory work will
definitely not interfere with the current development of a means of
disseminating gamma emitters in the time specified. The Committee on
Atomic Energy has requested that the Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons
Project, bring this to the attention of interested agencies within the
National Military Establishment.

b. With reference to Recommendation B concerning mechanisms
for evaluating new ideas, the Chairman, Military Liaison Committee, has
recommended to the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, that the Military
Liaison Committee and the Atomic Energy Commission accomplish the evalu-
ation of new and unique ideas in accordance with existing procedures.

c. With reference to Recommendation C concerning separation
of fission products, the Military Liaison Committee has requested the
Atomic Energy Commission to keep the National Military Establishment
informed as to the progress of the Atomic Energy Commission program.

d. With reference to Recommendation D the Committee on
Atomic Energy has requested the Department of the Army to submit recom-
mendations on initial field testing facilities.

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e. With reference to Recommendation E on declassification, the National Military Establishment has approved the Radiological Warfare Section of the Classification Guide, including several changes suggested by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Military Liaison Committee and the Atomic Energy Commission are resolving this matter.

f. With reference to Recommendation G the Chairman, Military Liaison Committee, has recommended to the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, that the present Panel continue in existence until after the review of the entire program in the Fall of 1949, but that any member of the Panel be released at his own request and replaced by a substitute acceptable to the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Military Establishment.

3. The Committee on Atomic Energy is of the opinion that, from the point of view of research and development, the most critical problem is to determine whether or not an effective means of dispersal of radioactive agents can be developed to provide a useful military weapon. It was generally felt that it would be unwise to expend large sums on the research and development of radiological warfare prior to such determination.

4. The Committee on Atomic Energy recommends that the Research and Development Board:

a. Approve the recommendations of the Joint AEC-AE Panel Report of 10 January 1949 and so advise the Secretary of Defense; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; and the Chairman of the Joint Panel.

b. Approve the action of the Committee on Atomic Energy in implementing the Panel's recommendations.

c. Advise the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission that from the point of view of research and development, the most critical problem is to determine whether or not a means of dispersal of radiological warfare agents can be developed to provide a useful military weapon.

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