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

TO: Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Room 2B-282, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your letter on the above subject dated 25 March 1949.

2. Inclosed for your information is a copy of a Motion passed by the Committee on Atomic Energy at its meeting on 7 April 1949 pertaining to the subject report.

3. In implementation of paragraph (1)(b) of the Committee Motion, the Military Liaison Committee and the Atomic Energy Commission have agreed that the evaluation of new and unique ideas can be accomplished in accordance with existing procedures.

4. In implementation of paragraph (1)(c) of the Committee Motion, the Military Liaison Committee has requested that it be kept informed by the Atomic Energy Commission of the progress of the Atomic Energy Commission program concerning the separation of fission products.

5. It is requested that you take the action indicated by paragraph (1)(a) of the Committee Motion.

6. Your attention is invited particularly to the opinion of the Committee on Atomic Energy 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.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

J. B. KNAPP,
Colonel, USAF,
Executive Secretary

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