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SUBJECT: Radiological Warfare Program Status Report, Joint AEC-NME Panel, 10 January 1949

TO: Deputy Director for Research and Development
Attention: Col. J. H. Hinds,
Logistics Division, GSUSA,
Room 4E-823, The Pentagon

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

2. Inclosed for your information is a copy of a Motion passed by the Committee on Atomic Energy pertaining to the subject Report.

3. With reference to Recommendation A of the Joint Panel Report, it should be noted that studies of the use of aerosols are to be limited to the laboratory phase, with the understanding that the laboratory work will definitely not interfere with the development of a means of disseminating gamma emitters in the time specified.

4. With reference to Recommendation D of the Panel Report, it is requested that as soon as practicable the Department of the Army submit to the Research and Development Board specific recommendations on requirements for initial field test facilities for consideration by the Committee on Atomic Energy of the Board.

5. 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
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