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SUBJECT: Minutes of Seventh Joint Medical Research Conference

The following personnel attended the seventh conference, 0900 - 1200, on 10 January 1962 in Room 3-D-1050, The Pentagon:

R/Adm C. B. Galloway, MC USN, BuM&S  
Dr. Frank Hartman, AFCSG  
Col K. H. Houghton, USAF-MC, AFCSG  
Dr. R. A. Kern, Chairman, Temple University Hospital  
Dr. Philip Sperling, Army Med R&D Cmd  
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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
2. The present status and activities of the Armed Forces-NRC Committees on Vision and on Hearing and Bioacoustics were discussed. It appears that, in the main, all three military departments regard the services provided by the two committees as worthwhile and deserving of continued support.
3. Discussion of the security aspects of the Chemical Prophylaxis Against Radiation program was continued from the previous meeting. It has been the general policy of the Air Force that the biomedical aspects of nuclear energy research and development will be treated as unclassified. This is based in part on the premise that the large number of legitimate users of biomedical research data, both within and without the DoD, make security restrictions more trouble than they are worth. It is planned to examine the security practices of other federal agencies in this area of interest.
4. Consideration of the extent of usefulness of the Science Information Exchange to DoD biomedical research people brought out various opinions. Admiral Galloway indicated that it is frequently used in the Navy for surveying a field of interest in terms of what is going on. Navy participation in the SIE program is mandatory, including reports on intramural as well as contractual tasks. According to Dr. Hartman, the Interdepartmental Committee on Blood Program Research uses it even though it is recognized that the coverage is incomplete. The fact that the DD Form 613 appears to be incompatible with SIE mechanisms for collecting research project information was cited as a serious fault in securing complete coverage of DOD programs. Dr. Kern mentioned the additional problem of the reluctance of an investigator to publicize his ideas before he has had the chance to

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accomplish his investigation, partly to prevent "pirating." It was recommended that this subject be scheduled for a future meeting, with Dr. Orr Reynolds and the Director of SIE present to broaden the discussion.

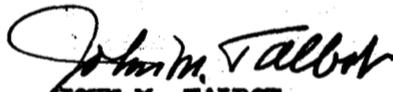
5. The biomedical intelligence needs of the DoD research and development community were discussed. Colonel Houghton described the communications difficulty involved, in which the problem is to make known to those who need the intelligence information the fact that it exists, where it is stored, and how to get it. He feels that the present USAF activities are so designed as to afford a good intelligence capability in certain fields of particular interest to the USAF. Dr. Hartman considers that intelligence service in the BW-CW fields is very deficient, to the detriment of our BW-CW programs. Admiral Galloway described the system for providing intelligence to the biomedical activities of the Navy. Information from covert sources has been of very limited use in Navy biomedical research and development. A discussion followed concerning the need for scientifically trained translators and methods of reducing the incoming masses of intelligence data to manageable size and significant content. It was suggested that Theodore A. Distler, PhD, would be a helpful source of advice on the ~~problem~~ of screening large volumes of technical material and arriving at useful condensations. Dr. Distler's office address is 1818 R Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Further discussion concerned the problems of staffing possible augmented medical intelligence efforts. No conclusions were reached on this general subject.

6. New business.

a. Colonel Talbot briefly described the current status of IDA Task T-20, a review of DoD biological and medical research programs.

b. Dr. Kern described a high-level Army presentation given recently on the BW-CW program. He was concerned about the fact that, except for himself, there were no medical research representatives present.

c. Next meeting: 14 February 1962 at 0900 in Room 3-D-1050, The Pentagon.

  
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JOINT MEDICAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

AGENDA  
Seventh Meeting

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Discussion of the Armed Forces-NRC Committees on Vision and Hearing and Bioacoustics - introduced by Colonel Bollerud.
3. Further consideration of the security aspects of the chemical protection against radiation program - USAF and Army spokesmen.
4. The role of the Science Information Exchange in military biomedical research programs - general discussion.
5. Biomedical intelligence needs for military biomedical research and development - general discussion.
6. New business.