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MEMORANDUM FOR (See Distribution)

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Tenth Joint Medical Research Conference

The following personnel attended the tenth conference, 0900 - 1200 on 9 May 1962, in Room 2-B-279, The Pentagon:

RAAdm C. B. Galloway, BuMed & Surgery
Dr. Frank W. Hartman, OTSG, USAF
LCol Donald L. Howie, USA, OTSG, USA
Dr. H. T. Karsner, BuMed & Surgery
B/Gen Douglas B. Kendrick, OASD/M HRM
Dr. Richard A. Kern, Chairman, Temple University Hospital
LCol Robert E. Robards, AFRDR-LS
Dr. Marion B. Sulzberger, OTSG, USA
Col John M. Talbot, USAF, MC, ODDR&E

1. Colonel Talbot submitted status reports on the following activities: The defense toxicological program; the proposed Army program of military medical research in South East Asia; the joint DOD-NASA bio-astronautics program planning; and the IDA Task 20 review of DOD bio-medical research programs. These items were discussed around the table.

2. Dr. Hartman reported on recent activities under the cognizance of the Interdepartmental Committee on National Blood Program Research. General Kendrick explained the DOD blood program which is currently being implemented, with the Department of the Army as the management agency. He cited in addition the highly successful U. S. Armed Forces blood program in Europe, which is supervised from SHAPE Headquarters and indicated that CINCPAC is interested in establishing a similar program.

3. Several additional items were reported from the Office of Science: two cases involving submission of rather unusual research proposals to DOD by a Dr. Citron and a Mr. James Hodgson; the importance of careful security-policy review of biomedical research manuscripts scheduled for presentation and publication in order to reduce the public release of material which violates DOD and military departmental policy concerning the use and care of experimental animals; the fact that the DDR&E does not favor inviting President Kennedy to dedicate the new Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute; and a recommendation that the military departments invite the DDR&E top staff to visit our major biomedical research agencies.

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Admiral Galloway suggested that the AFRRRI is well worth a visit and that any week at 2:30 pm on Wednesdays would be an appropriate time inasmuch as there is a regularly scheduled tour of the facility at that time. Dr. Karsner added that Captain Bratenahl has an excellent illustrated lecture describing the AFRRRI which can be presented on request.

4. Dr. Kern described official actions and plans which may lead to the reinstatement of the former Advisory Panel on Medical Sciences. All present agreed that this would be beneficial.

5. Dr. Kern presented the current status of the plan for a medical school in Ghana, in which four of the five Philadelphia medical schools are participating.

6. Dr. Karsner announced that there will soon be published an excellent history of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

7. Dr. Sulzberger raised a question about the laboratories directors' funds and whether or not guide lines for the use of such funds exist. It was agreed to have this explained at the next meeting.

8. General Kendrick stated that the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical) has recommended that the Secretary of Defense should give one of his very few annual speeches at the coming centennial celebration of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

9. The next two meetings will be on 13 June and 11 July 1962. Suggested agenda topics are invited.


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