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MEMORANDUM FOR (See Distribution)

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Eleventh Joint Medical Research Conference

The following personnel attended the eleventh conference, 0900 - 1130 on 13 June 1962, in Room 1-D-243, The Pentagon:

Mr. Morris Alpert, BuShips, D/N  
Col R. W. Bunn, ARO, D/A  
RADM C. B. Galloway, BuMed, D/N  
Col Lee Grant, SGO, USAF  
Dr. Frank W. Hartman, OSG, USAF  
L/Col Donald L. Howie, Army Med R&D Command  
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Capt H. L. Walter, MC, USN, OSD/M (H&M)

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The principal agenda item concerned additional actions needed to complete the transfer of the ARPA TORES project to the 3 military services as directed in the DDR&E Memo of 31 May 1962. Three questions require timely answers:

- (1) Who should monitor the basic toxicological research contracts and grants that were established under the TORES project?
- (2) What should be done with the uncommitted FY 1962 ARPA TORES funds?
- (3) What DOD action, if any, should be contemplated concerning FY 1963 phase-out support of the in-house toxicological research activities at the Army Chemical Center?

Following discussion of these and other questions, the chairman requested, with concurrence of the assembled conferees, that the tri-service ad hoc toxicology committee chaired by Captain Jacob Siegel, examine these proposals and submit recommendations to the Office of Science\*. In addition, it was requested that ARPA notify the appropriate Army authorities to suspend procurement action on the two remaining contract/grant proposals which have been submitted to Dr. Keith Jacobson at the Army Chemical Center pending

\*Note: Former Office of Science has been redesignated as the Office of Assistant Director (Research)

reevaluation; further, that any surplus ARPA TORES funds now under Army control be held pending further instructions from ARPA. Captain Siegel's committee will submit recommendations to the Office of Assistant Director (Research) concerning the referenced proposals.

Dr. Karsner displayed a newly patented antigen test kit which was designed to provide a convenient, compact field test capability. It is expected that this equipment will be presented to the medical profession some time this fall.

Captain Walter described a conference he attended on 11 June with VADM Martell and Colonel Army of ODDR&E and Captain Holway, MSC, USN, Executive Secretary of the Armed Forces Pest Control Board. As a step in coordinating a new DOD Directive governing the Board, Admiral Martell was briefed on its background, organization, mission, and operations.

Captain Walter disclosed that a White House study of narcotics addiction has been initiated and that it is possible that DOD participation will be requested.

Admiral Galloway reminded the USAF and the Army representatives of the need for \$20,000 from each service for publication costs for Dr. Bruce W. Halstead's book on poisonous fishes and marine animals. (Reference the minutes of the First Joint Medical Research Conference held in the Office of Science, 19 July 1961, and follow-up interservice agreements.) The Smithsonian Institution will handle the publishing arrangements. Admiral Galloway recounted the fact that, altogether, more than \$1 million of DOD money has gone into this project in terms of direct and indirect support.

Dr. Hartman reminded the conference that there is tri-service interest in keeping in touch with research in the biomedical aspects of microwaves and that evidence has been accumulating which suggests that the current exposure standards are not adequate. Dr. Hartman agreed to compile some technical information on this subject and to query the Air Force Systems Command concerning possible interest in sponsoring a symposium.

The next Joint Medical Research Conference will be held on 11 July 1962, time and place to be announced.

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