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MEMORANDUM FOR (See Distribution)

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Thirteenth Joint Medical Research Conference

The following were present at the thirteenth conference in Room 1-E-780, The Pentagon, 0900 - 1200 hours, 8 August 1962:

B/Gen R. E. Blount, AMR&DC
Col F. J. Frese, Jr., ODDR&E
Dr. W. W. Hammerschmidt, DSB, ODDR&E
Dr. F. W. Hartman, OSG, USAF
Col K. H. Houghton, OSG, USAF
Col T. E. Huber, OGRD-ARO, D/A
Dr. R. A. Kern, Temple University Hospital
Capt J. A. O'Donoghue, BuMed, D/M
Dr. M. B. Sulzberger, AMR&DC
Col J. M. Talbot, ODDR&E
Col C. F. Vorder Bruegge, AMR&DC
Capt H. L. Walter, OASD/M (H&M)
Dr. F. J. Weyl, ODDR&E (present only part time)

Colonel Talbot explained that the final resolution of Project TORES (chemical toxicology) was to release the project from ARPA supervision and turn over to each service its own area of responsibility for chemical toxicology. Remaining funds for current projects were distributed accordingly, and future funding will be by individual services.

It was reported by Colonel Talbot that no firm date has yet been received from the Institute for Defense Analyses as to their submission of the final report of Task 20. The current estimate was between 15 and 22 August 1962.

With regard to the Medical Research Program, Southeast Asia, Colonel Huber reported that Colonel Tigert, MC, USA, is now in Bangkok conducting a survey. He is accompanied by Colonel Rizzolo, USAF-MC, and will be joined by Lt Colonel Wheaton and Dr. Giffen.

According to Colonel Houghton, the Air Force Systems Command is not as this time planning to hold any symposium on microwaves and their biological effects. General Blount stated that he felt there was a definite need for some sort of conference to establish guidelines on microwave exposure standards. Dr. Sulzberger agreed. However, it was not felt that the Joint Medical Research Conference should initiate such action at present.

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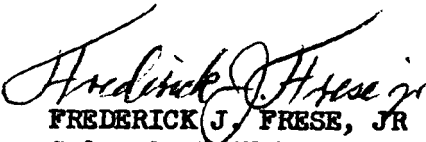
The first action item on the agenda, "Future support of Library of Congress project 'Bibliography of Aerospace Medicine and Biology'" was discussed from several viewpoints, including the question of the need for it, any possible Navy and Army interest in it, and whether or not Department of Defense should continue to support it. No final conclusions were reached. Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting so that each service could reach a decision as to its interest.

Dr. Kern announced, with reference to the second action item on the agenda, that verbal approval had been received for the re-establishment of the Advisory Panel on Medical and Biological Sciences. On the recommendation of the Joint Medical Research Conference, this Panel will consist of 15 - 16 members, appointed for two-year terms. Meetings will be held every six months at a different medical research facility of the Services on a rotating basis. The next meeting will be held at an Air Force facility some time in the early fall.

The Conference members then selected from the list of nominees, those persons who would be requested to constitute the Panel. In some disciplines, where the availability of the prime selectee was uncertain, alternative selections were made. In addition, many of the individuals on the list of nominees were selected to be invited as "ad hoc" members of the Panel in their sphere of special interest. It was agreed that invitational letters from the secretariat to the potential "ad hoc" members would be deferred until the primary Panel had been satisfactorily established. Invitational letters to this latter group (list of names attached) will be sent by the secretariat of the conference.

Dr. F. Joachim Weyl, Assistant Director (Research), ODDR&E, discussed with the conference his concepts as to the role the new Panel should play. He felt that it should help to point out those areas of specialized research definitely unique to military medical research; that it should bring to the attention of high management levels within DOD the importance of such areas and the need for giving them active support; and that it should form an important liaison role between military and civilian medical research. These concepts were indorsed by Dr. Kern, the chairman.

In response to questions, Dr. Weyl clarified some of the points relating to the so-called "unfettered funds" recently made available to the Services for the use of the commanders of military research laboratories.


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