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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. R. F. Rinehart, Executive Secretary, RDB

Subject; Coordination of Programs Related to Radiological Warfare

1. In response to your memorandum of 15 February 1949 with attached letters from Adm. Mills dated 31 December 1948 and 24 January 1949, respectively, I have familiarized myself with Board action at its 16th meeting concerning radiological warfare by reading Item 7E of the 16th Agenda and the corresponding minutes.

2. The need for coordination of research and development in the radiological defense field in all its aspects as set forth in Adm. Mills letter of 24 January 1949 has been apparent to the Committee on Medical Sciences. To assist in meeting this need insofar as tolerance, personnel protection, decontamination and treatment of radiological casualties are concerned the Committee on Medical Sciences and the Committee on Atomic Warfare. It is expected that full membership will be accomplished within the very near future. A meeting of the Panel has been set for 3 June 1949.

3. It is noted that Adm. Mills in his letter of 31 December 1948 requests that the RDB establish under its Committee on Electronics a panel on radiological instruments. In order to coordinate research and development on radiological detection instrumentation with the other aspects of radiological warfare cited in paragraph 2 above provision should be made for liaison between this proposed panel and the Joint Panel on the Medical Aspects of Atomic Warfare.

4. It is suggested that the matter of coordination of programs related to radiological warfare be submitted to the Committee on Medical Sciences for reference to the Joint Panel for action. *←*

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cc: Executive Director, CMS

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