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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY PANEL ON GENERAL SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Status of Basic Research Funding in the Department of  
Defense

At the meeting of the Advisory Panel on General Sciences at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey on May 23 and 24, it was agreed that I would provide you with the latest fiscal information and the results of the augmentation program by 1 July 1960. The results of the augmentation program add up to nothing. We have failed in three separate attempts to augment the basic research funding in the military departments in Fiscal Year 1960. The situation is not completely hopeless. There is still a slight possibility that some FY 1960 carry-over funding may be available to apply to longevity funding and in-house facilities improvement in the basic research area. When information is available on these aspects of the program I shall forward it to you.

With regard to the latest fiscal information in your specific program areas, it is not yet available and will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available. I am able to report, however, that there has been an increase in the basic research funding between FY 1960 and 1961 of a little over \$5 million. I doubt that this has kept pace with the rise in the cost of living, but nevertheless it is shown on the budget as an increment.

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