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SUBJECT: Special Weapons Effects

TO
AC/S G-4

FROM
Dept of the Army, SGO

DATE
23 May 50

COMMENT NO 2
Col Stone/141-5976

1. Recommend that funds be secured for:

a. Study on radiation tolerance of man, in so far as military effectiveness is concerned.

b. Studies on the protection of man from secondary blast effects.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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WILLIAM S STONE
Colonel, Medical Corps
Chairman, Medical Research
and Development Board

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COMMENT NO 1: G4/R4 22653, 16 May 50 (Lt Col AW Betts/73484/vb) fwdg for info cy ltr fr AFSWP dtd 17 Apr 50 and the AFSWP Weapons Effects Program; rqstg that cys of rpts of interest to AFSWP in subj prog be furnished dir to that Agcy, and info any further investigations it is desired to have the AFSWP pursue in this gen fld. . . . Incls filed in MR&DB

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17 April 1950

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Logistics, GSUSA,
Washington, 25, D.C.

1. Reference is made to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project confidential letter dated 13 July 1949, Subject: "Assumption of certain responsibilities in connection with a program for study of Military Effects of Atomic Weapons."

2. The Chief, AFSWP, has assumed the responsibilities as outlined in the reference cited above. The objective of this program is to determine criteria for use by the services in estimating the effectiveness of atomic weapons against all types of targets. These criteria are essential to both offensive and defensive operations.

3. The attached inclosure lists:

- a. Projects supported by the AFSWP either wholly or partially.
- b. Projects contemplated by the AFSWP.

4. Reports on the projects listed in the attached inclosure will be forwarded to your office periodically. It is requested, however, that your office indicate what other information pertaining to special weapons effects it desires in order to assist AFSWP in its efforts to collect and disseminate worthwhile information. The number of copies of reports requested should be indicated.

5. In order to avoid undesirable duplication of effort and unnecessary expenditure of government funds, as well as to insure a complete program, it is essential that there be established a complete interchange of information among authorized agencies through the Weapons Effects Division, AFSWP. To enable the AFSWP to discharge this responsibility, it is requested that monthly reports on projects and studies supported by the Department of the Army on the atomic weapons effects subjects indicated above, and any other information pertaining thereto, be forwarded to the AFSWP for review and dissemination.

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6. Visits from members of your office to the AFSWP are encouraged.

7. Identical letters have been written to Assistant for Atomic Energy, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, and Chief Naval Operations, ATTN: OP-36.

/s/ K.D. Nichols
K. D. NICHOLS
Major General, USA
Chief, AFSWP

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