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SUBJECT: Radiological Warfare Program Status Report of the Joint  
AEC-NME Panel dated 10 January 1949

TO: Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project,  
Room 2B-282, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your letter on the above subject dated  
25 March 1949.

2. Inclosed for your information is a copy of a Motion passed  
by the Committee on Atomic Energy at its meeting on 7 April 1949 per-  
taining to the subject report.

3. In implementation of paragraph (1)(b) of the Committee  
Motion, the Military Liaison Committee and the Atomic Energy Commis-  
sion have agreed that the evaluation of new and unique ideas can be  
accomplished in accordance with existing procedures.

4. In implementation of paragraph (1)(c) of the Committee  
Motion, the Military Liaison Committee has requested that it be kept  
informed by the Atomic Energy Commission of the progress of the  
Atomic Energy Commission program concerning the separation of fission  
products.

5. It is requested that you take the action indicated by para-  
graph (1)(a) of the Committee Motion.

6. Your attention is invited particularly to the opinion of  
the Committee on Atomic Energy that, from the point of view of  
research and development, the most critical problem is to determine  
whether or not an effective means of dispersal of radioactive agents  
can be developed to provide a useful military weapon. It was gene-  
rally felt that it would be unwise to expend large sums on the  
research and development of radiological warfare prior to such deter-  
mination.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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Executive Secretary

Incl.:  
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