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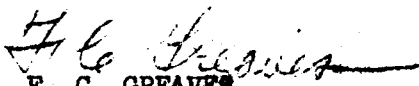
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ARMED FORCES MEDICAL POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Medical Research

1. The proposed directive on Medical Research which the Council approved on 26 November 1951 was signed by the Secretary of Defense on 4 December 1951. It developed after the signing by the Secretary that the Research and Development Board and the Defense Management Committee protested it on the grounds that their formal concurrence had not been given. As a result the Executive Office of the Secretary rescinded the directive on 28 December 1951 with the request that it be re-submitted to the Secretary after formal coordination with the two protesting agencies, if the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council considered such action appropriate.
2. As the matter now stands we still have a proposed directive. It is recommended that the Council reaffirm its desire to have it approved and issued by the Secretary as a Department of Defense directive.
3. The failure to obtain the formal concurrence required was unintentional and was due to an administrative lapse. A conference was held on 3 January 1952 between representatives of the Research and Development Board, consisting of the Deputy Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Deputy Executive Director, Medical Sciences Committee, and representatives of the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council, consisting of Dr. Casberg, Admiral Greaves, and Captain Rose. The Council's obligations in the field of medical research, the goals to be obtained by the proposed directive, and the manner in which implementation is planned were discussed in detail. It appeared that the attitude of the Research and Development Board members was entirely agreeable to points discussed and that they would approach a coordinating conference incident to their concurrence in a cooperative and friendly manner.

No attempt has been made to discuss the matter with the Management Committee since their concurrence has been represented as being a matter of formality.


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