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CHEMICAL CORPS RESEARCH & ENGINEERING COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
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SUBJECT: Classification of Research Contracts MAR 28 1954

TO: CO, Cml C Chemical & Radiological Laboratories, A Cml C, Md.
CO, Cml C Medical Laboratories, A Cml C, Md.
CO, Cml C Engineering Agency, A Cml C, Md.
CO, Cml C Research Procurement Agency, A Cml C, Md.
CO, Dugway Proving Ground, Dugway, Utah

1. Forwarded herewith for your information, guidance and necessary action is copy of letter from the Deputy Chief Chemical Officer to the Commanding General, Chemical Corps Research and Engineering Command, dated 3 February 1954, file reference CMLWO I.1, subject same as above, concerning examination of unclassified contracts for phraseology which indicates a classified interest or which, if made public, would cause embarrassment or adverse publicity.

2. In the future, all requests for proposed contracts will be examined closely to conform with the instructions contained in letter referred to in paragraph 1 (Inclosure 1). The Procurement Division, this Headquarters, will examine all active unclassified contracts, as well as requests for proposed contracts to be submitted in the future, for conformance with the above-referred-to directive; and, where it is considered that the phraseology of the contract or the proposed contract is prejudicial to the Chemical Corps, the matter will be coordinated with the requisitioning activity and necessary action taken to effect proper classification of the contract or proposed contract.

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Colonel, Cml C
Deputy Commander

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TO: Commanding General
Chemical Corps Research and Engineering Command
Army Chemical Center, Maryland

1. Approximately one year ago the death of a patient resulted from the administration of a psycho-chemical compound at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. This compound was prepared at Army Chemical Center and delivered for test to the Institute under Medical Laboratories contracts numbered DA 18-108-CML-2913 and 2914. The State of New York is now being sued on two counts because of this incident. In event the case goes to trial, it is probable that the attorneys for the claimants will try to show that the drug used was untried and not obtained from a reputable pharmaceutical manufacturer. Since the Chemical Corps contracts are unclassified the State of New York is under no obligation to hide the source of the drug or its intended use.

2. The title appearing on both contracts is "Effects of Certain CW Agents on Psychiatric Behavior". This title implies that the Chemical Corps is interested in psycho-chemical substances as potential offensive chemical agents. This interest is classified. If only the title of the contract were made public a general interpretation would probably be that the Chemical Corps is testing actual CW agents on persons suffering from mental diseases. Such an interpretation would be embarrassing to the Chemical Corps and would probably result in much adverse publicity and propaganda.

3. In view of the above, it is desired that all active unclassified contracts, as well as those let in the future, be closely examined for phraseology which indicates a classified interest by the Corps or which, if made public, would cause embarrassment or adverse publicity. In cases where undesirable phraseology exists, or cannot be avoided, contracts will be classified.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BULLENE:

CHARLES E. LOUCKS
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