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SUBJECT: Report and Recommendations of the U. S. Army Chemical Corps
Advisory Council, 14-15 December 1961

TO: Associate Members
U. S. Army Chemical Corps Advisory Council

Assignment of responsibility for appropriate action on the inclosed Observations and Recommendations of the Advisory Council is shown below. Status reports of action will be presented by the responsible agency at the next meetings of the appropriate committees and of the Council.

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(U) As a result of this meeting the Committee made the following observations and recommendations:

(U) OBSERVATION NO. 23-61: The Council is pleased to note that action is being taken on its previous Recommendation 34-60* and Observation 6-61** and urges prompt activation of an in-house Epidemiological Unit as soon as is feasible, in addition to contract activities in this area. It is important that this unit be headed by a scientist with unusual perception; every effort should be made to bring him promptly into this program.

The Council wishes to emphasize that it considers the primary mission of this unit is to deal with questions of the pathogenicity, pathogenesis, immunity and spread of disease-producing and otherwise damaging agents in man.

(U) OBSERVATION NO. 24-61: The Council was impressed by the approach to the Problem of Oxime-Refractory Anticholinesterases and it appears as if this approach might well be used to develop more suitable therapy for nerve gas poisoning. It is hoped that this general approach is supported adequately in terms of money and personnel.

(U) It is recommended that:

* (U) RECOMMENDATION NO. 34-60: An Epidemiological Unit be added to the staff of the Biological Laboratories to review existing information and gather new data as necessary in regard to infectious disease problems wherever they may occur in the world.

EXPLANATION: Presentation of current and future problems make it evident that in-house competence in epidemiology is vitally necessary. In addition to receiving and appraising existing information and arranging to acquire necessary additional data relating to the natural pathogenetic potential of specific candidate agents, such a unit could assist in the design and evaluation of trials of vaccines and simulant agents and could advise in problems relating to agent application. Implementation of this recommendation is urged due to the pressing need for rendering judgment on the multiplicity of potential BW agents for which no systematic effort has been made to assemble the pertinent epidemiological data. The Committee recommends with respect to agents presently under evaluation that a special program be initiated immediately, to collect in a systematic manner the pertinent epidemiological information utilizing in-house personnel, supplemented where necessary by appropriate consultant or contract arrangements.

The foregoing represents a necessary stop-gap measure to be continued pending activation of the long-term solution represented by the creation of an in-house Epidemiological Unit.

** (U) OBSERVATION NO. 6-61: The Council feels that Recommendation No. 34-60 should be reemphasized.

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