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**SUBJECT: Duplication in Aeromedical Research Responsibility;
Recommended Adjustment**

**TO: Commanding General
Air University
Maxwell AFB, Alabama**

1. There is a progressively greater overlap in research efforts in the fields of space medicine and the aeromedical aspects of sonics between the School of Aviation Medicine, Air University, and the Aero Medical Laboratory, Air Research and Development Command. This would seem to be progressing to the point of uneconomical duplication of effort.

2. For the purpose of preventing the duplication of effort, it is suggested that primary cognizance in the field of sound be made a function of the Aero Medical Laboratory and that primary cognizance in the field of space medicine be allocated to the USAF School of Aviation Medicine. A bioacoustical laboratory was established at the Aeromedical laboratory in 1948 at which time a "Paperclip" group known as the Helmholtz group were brought to Wright Field. At this same time a department of space medicine was established at the School of Aviation Medicine and largely staffed by another group of "Paperclip" scientists. In the intervening six years there has been a growing trend to overlap in research efforts which has now reached the stage where a readjustment in responsibility is believed indicated in the interests of economy and in conformity with the respective research missions of the agencies involved.

3. It is recommended that clarification of the responsibilities of the two research agencies in the areas of endeavor mentioned above be obtained from Headquarters USAF, (DCS/D). The necessary readjustments can be effected between the agencies concerned once a policy decision is obtained.

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