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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC PLANS AND POLICY  
(J-5/WTC) JOINT STAFF

Subj: PROPOSED SECDEF MEMORANDUM ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS  
RESEARCH USING HUMAN TEST SUBJECTS J-5 1837/424-01 (U)

1. (U) Navy does not concur with the proposed memorandum that directs the Chemical Weapons Exposure Study Task Force (CWEST) to collect data on human testing.
  
2. (U) The CWEST was formed to identify the location of the records containing the pertinent test data. Since the information being sought concerned the effect chemical and biological agents had on humans, the CWEST membership came primarily from the medical community. As records were located, it was discovered that the custodians were not always from the medical arena. For example, many of the Navy's records are maintained by members of the Research and Development (R&D) community. The office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN(RD&A)) was not represented on the CWEST.
  
3. (U) Human testing is a politically sensitive topic and it would be prudent to consolidate efforts in one office allowing the Department of Defense to speak and act with one voice. The

Radiation Experiments Analysis Command Center (REACC) was created by the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy) (OASD(AE)) and collects the same type of data for radiological tests on humans. The current staff includes researchers (10), customer service representatives (10), data processing specialists (5) and administrative support. Initial start up costs for REACC are \$3.7M. It appears that expanding REACC's charter to include chemical and biological data would be less expensive than attempting to modify the CWEST to complete the task.

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4. (U) Incorporation of the above recommendation would satisfy Navy concerns.



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