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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND  
READINESS

Subject: Proposed Secretary of Defense Memorandum on Chemical  
and Biological Weapons Research Using Human Test  
Subjects

1. As requested,\* the Joint Staff has reviewed the subject memorandum and cannot concur in it as written. We support the need for the disclosure of information pertaining to human health and safety but not the method of implementation.
2. The US Army and US Navy recommend that the DOD management system established for human radiation testing information be expanded to include chemical and biological data. Many similarities exist and will make the most effective use of limited resources. Both Services agree that the current Chemical Weapons Exposure Study Task Force cannot manage the new expanded task that includes biological warfare agents and hallucinogenic compounds.
3. The public affairs impact of declassification of the biological test data requires an aggressive public affairs campaign. Open air testing of live biological simulants in the public domain has lead to previous litigation. The Joint Staff supports the disclosure of information to the public, but a proper management system must be established.

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Reference:

- \* OUSDP&R memorandum, 24 March 1994, "Coordination on Proposed SECDEF Memorandum on Chemical and Biological Weapons Research Using Human Test Subjects"