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DIRECTIVE

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL SCIENCE

ORGANIZATION

1. The Committee on Medical Science is established as an agency of the Research and Development Board (RDB).

OBJECTIVE

2. The objective of the Committee shall be to implement the directive of the Board in the field of Medical Science.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Committee on Medical Science shall consist of:

- a. Three civilian members, including the Chairman, nominated by the Chairman of RDB.
- b. Not more than two members nominated by the Department of the Army.
- c. Not more than two members nominated by the Department of the Navy.
- d. Not more than two members nominated by the Department of the Air Force.

4. A deputy with plenary powers for each member may be designated by the appropriate authority. Appointments of members of the Committee and their deputies are subject to the approval of the Board.

5. Members and deputies shall serve for a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed.

- 6. a. Any major agency of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, having direct interest in the functions of the Committee and not represented by a regular member may formally designate a qualified representative to act as an associate member as specified by the Rules of Organization and Procedure of the Board.

- b. The U.S. Public Health Service, the Veterans Administration, and the National Research Council shall be invited similarly to designate associate members.

PROCEDURE

7. The Committee on Medical Science shall be encouraged to function as an independent entity within the limits of its terms of reference. In accordance with the Rules of Organization and Procedure of the Board, the Committee is authorized:

- a. To employ professional and other personnel as necessary to discharge its responsibilities under a budget authorized by the Board through the Executive Secretary.
- b. To establish its own administrative procedures.
- c. To organize its own Secretariat.
- d. To establish such supporting panels and consultant agencies as it may require. In order to prevent unnecessary duplication, committees and sub-committees of the National Research Council and other competent agencies may be utilized as panels for fact finding and technical advice.

8. On internal matters of procedure, administration, budgets, and personnel, and in relationships between the Committee and the Board or other committees, the Secretariat of the Committee shall function within the administrative framework established by the Executive Secretary, RDB.

9. Action of the Committee shall be effectuated in accordance with the Rules of Organization and Procedure of the Board.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

10. In pursuit of its stated objective, the Committee on Medical Science shall:

- a. Continuously survey research and development activities in the field of medical and allied sciences, both within and without the Military Establishment, and obtain necessary information;
 - (1) concerning U.S. and foreign progress, programs, plans and budgets in the field of medical and allied sciences;

and

- (2) from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the Executive Secretary, RDB, on such aspects of overall planning for National Defense as may be needed in formulating an adequate program for research and development in the field of medical and allied sciences.

b. Analyze and evaluate this information in order to:

- (1) determine the major goals and problems in the field of medical and allied sciences and direct appropriate and constant emphasis upon them;
- (2) assess the adequacy of plans, programs and projects, and assess the merit and effectiveness with which programs are handled;
- (3) determine the presence of unjustifiable duplication of effort resulting from activities of the military departments in the field of medical and allied sciences;
- (4) determine the presence of serious gaps which exist in the programs;
- (5) assess the adequacy of facilities, personnel and equipment currently available and estimate future requirements; and
- (6) appraise the degree of coordination obtained in medical and allied sciences programs, including that reflected in budget requests.

c. Prepare and present reports and informative papers in order to:

- (1) inform the RDB and authorized agencies of the Military Establishment of the facts and trends in the field of medical and allied sciences necessary to assure continued and increasing progress in that field;
- (2) inform the Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the Executive Secretary, RDB, as to the implications upon plans, operations and strategy of new equipment and techniques in the field of medical and allied sciences; and
- (3) inform the Munitions Board, through the Executive

Secretary, RDB, of the requirements for materials and components in the research and development programs of the Military Establishment in the field of medical and allied sciences, particularly with respect to critical and strategic materials.

d. In accordance with regular procedures of the Board, the Committee shall:

- (1) prepare not less frequently than once a year an integrated plan for the military research and development effort in the field of medical and allied sciences;
- (2) allocate and, when desirable, reallocate responsibility among the military departments for research and development programs or projects in the field of medical and allied sciences;
- (3) specify means whereby maximum advantage may be taken of critical resources and new advances, solution of problems may be speeded, undesirable duplication, waste or neglect may be avoided, and liaison, cooperation, and direct dealing among agencies may be furthered; and
- (4) present to the Board, in advance of the presentation of the annual budget estimates, recommendations for expenditures for research and development programs and facilities in the field of medical and allied sciences for military purposes.

FIELD OF INTEREST

11. The field of interest of the Committee shall include all aspects of medical and allied sciences of interest to the Departments of the National Military Establishment and not the responsibility of other committees of the RDB.

LIAISON

12. The Committee shall take the initiative in establishing liaison and cooperation with other agencies of related interest within and outside the RDB.

By direction of the Board:

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