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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY

SUBJECT: Use of Human Volunteers in Experimental Research

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 31 March 1953, subject as above.
2. Concur in the proposed draft for use of human volunteers in experimental research.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF CHEMICAL OFFICER
THE SURGEON GENERAL

SUBJECT: Use of Human Volunteers in Experimental Research

1. Attached hereto as an inclosure is a proposed draft directive designed to implement the Secretary of Defense's memorandum to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, subject as above, dated 26 February 1953.

2. The recommendations of the Chemical Corps contained in letter, Office of the Chief Chemical Officer, subject, "Program of Tests to Study Defense Against BW Agents in Humans", dated 9 March 1953, and concurred in by The Surgeon General have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Army for his comment and/or approval. After receipt of the Secretary of the Army's comments and your comments on Inclosure No. 1 it is planned to issue the directive. Simultaneously the above-mentioned letter of the Chief Chemical Officer will be returned separately with an appropriate indorsement. It is believed that this action will provide the necessary policy and administrative basis for proceeding with the desired test program.

3. Request your comments on the attached draft by 14 April 1953.

FOR THE CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

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1 Incl.
Draft letter, subject:
"Use of Human Volunteers
in Experimental Research."

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SUBJECT: Use of Human Volunteers in Experimental Research

TO : Chief Chemical Officer
The Surgeon General

1. This directive prescribes policies and procedures for conducting experimental research on human volunteers. The conditions under which any such experiment will be conducted are included in the Secretary of Defense's memorandum to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, subject as above, dated 26 February 1953 (copy attached).

2. The purpose of experimental research on human volunteers is to permit a realistic evaluation and/or development of effective preventive measures of defense against atomic, biological or chemical agents. The results of any experimentation must be controllable at intermediate stages with no serious chronicity expected. Additionally an effective therapy must be available. As a basis for proposing the use of human volunteers there must exist an adequate background of knowledge including experimentation on non-humans.

3. The direct responsibility for planning and medical care in each experiment will rest with one adequately trained physician. This physician will have available to him on short notice throughout the experiment competent consultants representing any of the specialties necessitated by the nature of the experiment. Also available will be any necessary apparatuses or instruments necessary to the control or therapy of the results of the experiment.

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4. Medical treatment and hospitalization will be provided for all casualties of the experimentation, as required. Appropriate provisions for insurance for disability or death, within the provisions of law, will be made for casualties of the experimentation.

5. No experimentation using human volunteers will be undertaken until the Secretary of the Army has stated his approval in writing. The Surgeon General of the Army will review and comment on all proposals for such experiments. The sponsoring Army Agency will submit its proposal, together with The Surgeon General's review and comments thereon, to the Secretary of the Army through the Army General Staff. As a minimum the proposal will state the nature and purpose of the experiment and the name of the person who will be in charge.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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