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Detailed Agenda  
Research and Engineering Policy Council Meeting  
11 April 1958ITEM 3 - Coordinating Committee on Medical Sciences

For consideration and appropriate action.

In the reorganization of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) in 1957, the former Coordinating Committee on Medical Sciences was discontinued and coordinating committee responsibilities for the medical field were assigned to the Coordinating Committee on Science (reference: PC 3/29, Advice of Action, 29th R&E Policy Council Meeting). The Coordinating Committee on Science, in turn, utilizes coordinating representatives in the field of medicine to provide for contacts and working-level participation in matters pertaining to medical science.

The Advisory Panel on Medical Sciences has expressed concern over the discontinuance of the former committee and has recommended its re-establishment to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering). The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical) concurred in the recommendation stating that "such a committee is deemed essential to the proper tri-service evaluation and coordination of research projects in the medical fields".

At a recent meeting (Fifth Meeting, 11 February 1958), the Coordinating Committee on Science decided to interpose no objection, but saw no real necessity for the re-establishment of the Coordinating Committee on Medical Sciences.

In view of these recent actions and previous Policy Council concurrence in the discontinuance of the prior committee, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&E) requests review of this matter by the Policy Council. In the event re-establishment is considered desirable, a draft DoD Instruction is attached (TAB C).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Research and Engineering Coordinating Committee on Medical Sciences  
Reference: DOD Instruction 5129.4, "Research and Engineering Coordinating Committees"

I. GENERAL

The Coordinating Committee on Medical Sciences is established to advise and assist the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) in achieving a sound, coordinated and integrated research, development and engineering program for the Department of Defense. It will operate in accordance with DOD Instruction No. 5129.4, "Research and Engineering Coordinating Committees."

II. MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Coordinating Committee will be designated by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) in accordance with DOD Instruction No. 5129.4. The ASD(H&M); the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; and the Administrator, Veterans Administration, are invited to designate a representative to sit regularly with the Committee.

III. FIELD OF INTEREST

The field of interest of the Committee encompasses all Department of Defense areas of medical research, including those of aviation medicine, shipboard and submarine medicine, military and field medicine, psychiatry, atomic medicine, and other pertinent allied medical sciences.