



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Secretary of the Navy
Via: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: Use of Human Volunteers in connection with research projects; request for approval of

Ref: (a) ManMedDept, Chapter I, Section IV, Article 1-17

Encl: (1) OIC NAMRU-4 ltr NAMRU-4-1(300/npk) All-10 Ser 55-394 of 3 OCT 55 w/encls and endorsements thereon

1. Reference (a) requires that Secretary of the Navy approval be obtained when research projects involve the use of volunteer Naval personnel. The enclosed research proposal forwarded by the Commandant Ninth Naval District and the Commander, U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, from the Naval Medical Research Unit No. 4, Great Lakes, Illinois, proposes validation in Naval recruit volunteers of vaccines protective against certain virus caused respiratory infections.
2. The proposed trials are of considerable interest to the Medical Department and are potentially of great value to the Navy and other armed forces in reducing incidence of disease now responsible for much non-effectiveness in Naval recruits. It is believed that the studies proposed are safe and that they can be accomplished without significant hindrance to the recruit training program.
3. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery therefore recommends approval of the proposals contained in enclosure (1).

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