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On invitation from the Division of Biology and Medicine, an informal conference was held on 10 September 1948, at the offices of the A.E.C. in Washington, to advise with the Director concerning implementation of the Division's responsibility for the RW program, in view of the report of the RW panel, adopted at its meeting on August 28.

The conference was attended by the following:

From the Washington Office:

- Doctor Shields Warren
- Doctor John Z. Bowers
- Major Maxwell Damer

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From the Chemical Corps:

- Col. John R. Wood, M.C., Chief, Medical Division

From Chicago:

- Doctor Raymond Zirkle
- Doctor Julius M. Coon
- Lt. Col. John R. Hall, Jr., M.C.
- Doctor Franklin C. McLean, presiding

At the request of the Director the agenda of the conference included (1) consideration of the overall program in biology and medicine, with reference to RW; (2) consideration of the program of the University of Chicago Toxicity Laboratory, under its contract with the Chemical Corps, with the aid of funds from the A.E.C.; (3) consideration of the budgetary needs of the UCTL, with special reference to manpower and to additional building requirements.

Attention was called to the fact that under date of 29 March 1948, Mr. Carroll L. Wilson, General Manager, A.E.C., addressed a letter to Doctor Franklin C. McLean, Medical Director, OSFDO, authorizing and directing him to initiate projects for correlation of data already available, and for the conduct of research and

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development leading to furtherance of knowledge of biological effects of radiation. On the same date Mr. Wilson addressed letters to the Area Managers, A.E.C., requesting that they offer appropriate assistance in the carrying out of the purposes of this authorization.

Under the terms of the authorization above referred to, arrangements have been made for the creation of an RW Study Group in Biology and Medicine, under the direction of Doctor Franklin C. McLean, with headquarters at the University of Chicago, and with the necessary expenditures provided for by a contract between the Office of Santa Fe Directed Operations, A.E.C., and the University of Chicago. In view of the report of the RW Panel, and the assignment to the Division of Biology and Medicine, A.E.C., of responsibility for studies of the biological effects of radiation, as a part of the RW program, it is recommended that the RW Study Group in Biology and Medicine be formally activated by directive from the Division of Biology and Medicine, A.E.C. There is attached hereto (Exhibit A) a proposed plan for the organization of the Study Group.

There is attached hereto (Exhibit B) a suggested list of items for inclusion in the overall RW Program in Biology and Medicine. It is proposed that this list of items, with such corrections and additions as may be desirable, constitute the initial terms of reference for the RW Study Group in Biology and Medicine, with the understanding that it may be revised from time to time, with the approval of the Division of Biology and Medicine, A.E.C.

There is also attached hereto (Exhibit C) a proposed revision of the Program of the University of Chicago Toxicity Laboratory, with notes which relate this revision to the Program drafted 1 June 1948, and to the report of the RW Panel of 29 August 1948. It is proposed that this revised program constitute the initial terms of reference for the UCTL, subject to revision from time to time, on recommendation from the RW Study Group and approval by the Division of Biology and Medicine, AEC.

Reference is made to a Budget Estimate for the University of Chicago Toxicity Laboratory, for Atomic Energy Projects, as

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transmitted to the Atomic Energy Commission by the Chemical Corps, under cover of a letter signed by Col. John R. Wood, M.D., dated 10 August 1948. This estimate proposed a sum of \$250,000.00 for operating expenses for the year beginning 1 October 1948, and an additional sum of \$120,000.00 for a new building for animal quarters, for cages and equipment for the new animal quarters, for remodeling of present laboratories, for new equipment, and for modification of existing equipment to meet the new purposes of the laboratory.

In view of the proposed revision of the program of the UCTL, presented herewith, which contemplates a reduction in the work assigned to the laboratory, and in view of the diminished priority of work on aerosols, in accordance with the findings of the HW Panel, it is proposed that the estimate for operating expense for the year beginning 1 October 1948 be reduced from \$250,000.00 to \$200,000.00 .

In order to permit restudy of the requirements for animal quarters, and equipment thereof, it is proposed that the sum of \$35,000.00 be made available for rehabilitation of the present laboratories and equipment, and for the purchase of new equipment, and that action be deferred on the estimated need of \$85,000.00 for new animal quarters and equipment thereof, until a plan for such quarters, together with estimated cost and justification for this expenditure can be submitted.

- Encls.: Exhibit A - Proposed Plan for Organizational Study Group
2. Exhibit B - List of Items for inclusion in HW Program
3. Exhibit C - Proposed Revision Program U. of C. Toxicity Lab.

cc: Doctor John Z. Bowers
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