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Subject: Proposed Training Program for Physicians, Health Physicists, Biologists, and Medical and/or Physics Aides.

MEMORANDUM to Colonel Wm. D. Fleming, M.C., Director, Medical Division, Manhattan District Office.

1. Inclosed is a presentation of a generalized medical and health physics training program designed to meet the medical and research needs of all types of the Manhattan Engineering District or its successor.
2. Examination of the inclosure reveals that the general scope of the complete picture is considered in outline form and no attempt has been made to establish a formal course of action.
3. The need for such a program is obvious as one considers the expanding nature of work on atomic energy. Successful operation, both in research and production, depends to a great extent on continuous medical planning, supervision and control. This can only be carried out by well trained individuals indoctrinated by training and actual experience in this field. As is well known, the supply of such individuals is extremely limited and no steps have been taken to correct the fault.
4. In the recent meeting of the Medical Advisory Committee (6 Sept 1946) the above scarcity of personnel was noted and interest raised in the formulation of the program.
5. Following the current information meeting on 14 - 16 Oct 1946, it is tentatively planned to hold a conference of the participating project directors attending. At this time suggestions and proposals toward setting up of such a program will be discussed.
6. It is suggested that for the present at least, that the medical training program be kept as a separate entity from the District Training program now already in operation. As a formal program is introduced and adopted, centralization from an administrative standpoint may be in order.

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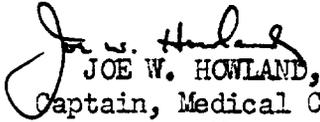
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7. Amendments to the inclosed program will undoubtedly be added following the proposed meeting.

8. Other branches, particularly the radio isotope section, have expressed interest in the attached proposal.

9. This proposal is submitted for your information and comments.

1 Incl.:
Outline Proposed Training
Program.


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