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To Review 53-162/2545

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain W. S. Parsons, P. O. Box 1663, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

SUBJECT: Tropical Tests for Development of Gadget Component and Assembly.

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 3 October addressed to General Groves, same subject, regarding arrangements be made for tropical tests in the jungles of Panama for development of gadget component parts and the assembly thereof.

2. General Groves did not favorably consider the proposition presented in your memorandum and suggested that arrangements be made to simulate tropical conditions in this country. Consequently this memorandum was discussed with Colonel Wilson who suggested that full jungle conditions could be simulated at any one of several Army Air Forces locations, namely, Eglin Field, Sebring Army Air Base, an Army Air Base south of Miami or some spot in the Florida Everglades. Tests in any one of these locations can be arranged for within reasonable time providing a ten days' notice is given.

3. Colonel Wilson concurs with General Groves in the opinion that it is not necessary to make a trek to Panama to simply obtain jungle conditions.

4. A tropical test chamber in use by the Quartermaster Corps now located at Lawrence, Massachusetts, is under investigation at the present time. This test chamber is the largest one in existence and would easily accommodate assembly of the gadget and development of component parts. Result of discussion for use of the chamber with a Quartermaster Corps officer will be given you at an early date.

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