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MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Armed Forces Medical Policy Council

SUBJECT: Military Medical Problems Associated with Military Participation
in Atomic Energy Commission Tests

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, same subject, dated 27 June 1951.

2. The need for indoctrination of a representative group of military personnel in the effects of atomic weapons has been recognized by the services and is being planned substantially in accordance with your recommendations.

3. The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, which is coordinating preliminary plans for military participation in atomic weapons tests, has solicited the views of the services on the subject of troop participation in the fall of 1951 tests and has informed this Committee that the Army wishes to conduct a training exercise in conjunction with one of the detonations. This would involve a composite Regimental Combat Team of not to exceed 5,000 troops. The maneuver would be essentially an advance over the ground shortly after it had been neutralized by the atomic burst. Effectiveness of radiological defense personnel could be clearly demonstrated. The maneuver is expected to yield valuable information on the psychological implications of use of atomic weapons close to our front lines and to demonstrate the groundlessness of fears concerning persistent radiation from an airburst.

4. In order to disseminate the information gained as widely as possible within the Department of Defense, the military departments have indicated a desire to send observers from many organizations and service schools to witness the tests. From the Army these number approximately 3,000 in addition to the Regimental Combat Team, from the Navy and Air Force 200 each, and 50 from the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project.

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