

AIR1.940826.009

AFOAT-BW

cm/26 February 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Briefing for Mr. Gardner, Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force for R&D

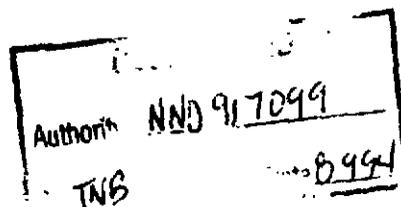
1. Colonels Hoffman, Clark, and Seiler briefed Mr. Gardner at his request in view of the scheduled meeting with Mr. Stevens on BW-CW Committee. Mr. Gardner was given a short resume of Department of Defense activities in BW-CW immediately following the last war; that the advent of the atomic bomb had resulted in a very definite lack of interest on the part of the Air Force in BW-CW to the extent that trained personnel were released to the Army; others within the Air Force were not identified; that the R&D program had declined to virtually nothing.

2. In 1949, with the appointment of the Stevenson Committee which completed its study in June 1950, the Department of Defense was stimulated into taking very specific action to attain a state of readiness in BW-CW. High points of the subsequent Secretary of Defense directive to the Services to obtain this state of readiness were discussed. A brief summary of the material presented to Secretary Finletter and actions that led to the directive from Secretary Finletter to General Doolittle to set up a committee were covered. The present status of the problems associated with the setting up of this committee was outlined to include action taken by RDB and actions on the part of the Air Force which led up to the call by Mr. Stevens to Mr. Talbott. That General Doolittle was to discuss the Air Force desires with Mr. Stevens.

3. Mr. Gardner indicated that the new Secretaries were especially anxious to work with each other to the maximum degree possible and that the meeting with Mr. Stevens should be approached in that light. Mr. Gardner had several pertinent questions pertaining to the BW-CW program.

Frank J. Seiler

FRANK J. SEILER
Colonel, USAF
Chief, BW-CW Division
Office, Asst for Atomic Energy, DCS/O



USAF
Ø136

Source: RG 341
Entry 199

Box #: 5 / 1953

9 Aug 94

Copied by: Lt Col Brown
USAF