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SUBJECT

Defense Science Board Charter

- References:
- (a) Department of Defense Directive No. 5128.7, "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development)," 12 November 1953
 - (b) Department of Defense Directive No. 5128.11, "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development)," 4 October 1956

I. GENERAL

In accordance with the general provisions of references (a) and (b), the Defense Science Board is hereby established in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) with the purpose, membership, and mode of operation defined as follows:

II. PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

The Defense Science Board, composed of 25 members appointed from civilian life by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development), advises the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) on scientific and technical matters relating to research and development in the Department of Defense.

The Board shall consist of:

- (1) The Chairman of the Army Scientific Advisory Panel or his designated alternate; the Chairman of the Naval Research Advisory Committee or his designated alternate; and the Chairman of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board or his designated alternate.
- (2) The Chairman of each of the OASD(R&D) Technical Advisory Panels
- (3) Seven members-at-large
- (4) In view of common interest in the subject matter:
 - (a) The President of the National Academy of Sciences or his designee;
 - (b) The Director of the National Science Foundation or his designee;

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- (c) The Director of the National Bureau of Standards or his designee;
- (d) The Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics or his designee.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) shall designate the Chairman of the Board from the above membership and shall provide an executive secretary and such supporting staff as needed.

III. SCOPE

The Board shall devote major attention to delineating the scientific opportunities which hold promise of radically outdated present-day concepts of warfare and will exercise the leadership in stimulating and conducting broad studies which involve the scientific potential for new opportunities of warfare.

Specific advice will be rendered on the Department of Defense research and development program, such as the program and administration of basic research, component research, advancement of the state of the art in the areas of interest to the Department of Defense, and the effectiveness of research and development in providing combatworthy weapon systems.

IV. OPERATION

The procedures for developing the advice and findings of the Board shall be as flexible as is consistent with the above purpose. The Chairman will work with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) in augmenting, when necessary, task forces on Board problems through selection of members of the OASD(R&D) Technical Advisory Panels to review and advise on important problems in their fields of competence. When appropriate, and subject to the concurrence of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development), members of the Board may collaborate with appropriate members of the Military Departments and with civilian scientists in conducting broad studies which hold promise of suggesting new development approaches.

The Board will be advisory to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development). At the discretion of the Chairman of the Board, and subject to the approval of the ASD(R&D), the Chairman may designate an Executive Committee comprised of members selected from the Board for orderly management of tasks or studies assigned to, or undertaken by, the Board.

The Executive Secretary shall provide for such assistance as needed by the Chairman and other members of the Board. He shall be responsible for keeping the Board members informed, either by staff studies or through the arrangement of appropriate briefings, on the military research and development programs to the extent necessary for the Board's tasks and on the research and development programs of other Federal agencies to the extent that such programs bear collaterally on the field of interest of the Board.

V. RELATION TO TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANELS

Nothing in the foregoing is intended to modify the terms of reference of existing Technical Advisory Panels. The Defense Science Board will give integrated consideration to broad problems of unusual significance in Department of Defense research and development activities, and its functions will accordingly be complementary to those of the Technical Advisory Panels.

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT **Charter of Advisory Panel on Medical Sciences**

I. GENERAL

In accordance with general provisions of Department of Defense Directive No. 5128.7, dated 12 November 1953, the Advisory Panel on Medical Sciences is hereby established as an adjunct to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) with the purpose, membership, and mode of operation defined as follows.

II. PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

The Advisory Panel on Medical Sciences is provided to insure that the Nation's best scientific and technical talents are applied to the planning and prosecution of the military research and development programs on medical sciences.

This Panel shall consist of members designated by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D) from among civilian scientists and experts. The number, selection, and terms of Panel members shall be such as, in the judgment of the ASD (R&D), are required to achieve this purpose efficiently. The ASD (R&D) shall designate one of the members as chairman of the Panel and provide a secretary with such staff support as may be required.

Where subject matter is judged to be of sufficient interest to other agencies of the Federal Government, the ASD (R&D) may designate as associate members qualified representatives formally nominated by the heads of such agencies.

III. SCOPE

The Panel shall be constituted for, and its operations shall be consistent with, the development of technical advice, as required in the field of aviation medicine, shipboard and submarine medicine, physiology, military and field medicine, psychiatry, atomic medicine, and other pertinent allied medical sciences.

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IV. OPERATION

The procedures for obtaining the advice and assistance of the Panel members shall be as flexible as is consistent with the above purpose. The chairman will work with the ASD (R&D) and with the chairmen of the related coordinating committees in the selection of groups of Panel members to review and advise on important problems in their fields of competence. He will also assist in bringing this advice to the consideration of the proper coordinating committee.

The Panel, or appropriate groups thereof, will study the military research and development programs within its field of interest and will advise the coordinating committees with respect thereto. It will also report its findings and conclusions to the ASD (R&D) and, in particular, will note its indorsement of, or its disagreement with, the programs studied. In their studies, the Panel members will consider the broad features of the program with particular reference to adequacy, timing, and technical balance in the light of military needs and the state of the art, with emphasis on important areas and problems rather than on detailed reviews of the entire field.

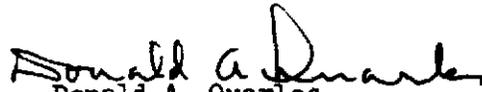
The Panel, or appropriate groups thereof, will be available to any department for the purpose of giving advice in special areas of interest to a single department. Requests for such studies will be addressed to the Panel chairman through the departmental member of the appropriate coordinating committee.

Participation of Panel members on joint or ad hoc interarea panels will be arranged by the ASD (R&D) or by the Panel chairman with the approval of the ASD (R&D).

The secretary of the Panel shall assist the chairman and the other members of the Panel in their work. He shall be responsible for keeping the Panel members informed on the military research and development programs to the extent necessary for their assigned tasks.

V. CANCELLATION

All previous documents in conflict with this directive are hereby superseded.


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