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SUBJECT: SEARCH OF AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND (ARDC) RECORDS--  
REFERENCE "CONDUCT OF HAZARDOUS HUMAN EXPERIMENTS" MEMO FROM  
ARDC, 12 SEP 58

Subject ARDC Memo (USAF Doc #475, Atch 1) was sent to us by the ACHRE on 19 Sep 94 requesting any background policy documents or experimental information which would clarify the subject of this memo. We apologize for the delay in responding to this request. Our first approach was to task the Air Force Materiel Command History Office (AFMC/HO) for any information/files they might have. AFMC/HO reported in late October that they had no additional supportive information. Subsequently, Colonel Merritt contacted the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis about reviewing their holding of ARDC records. Due to Colonel Merritt's sudden retirement, initial TDY plans had to be canceled. In January I rescheduled a TDY to St. Louis for three people. We screened more than 60 boxes of ARDC records. Our search did not uncover any documents which specifically addressed or appeared directly related to the 1958 Memo. However, we made copies of documents which addressed other topics the ACHRE has requested in the past and those which might have an indirect connection to the 1958 Memo; these documents are as follows (Atch 2):

1. USAF Doc #445: New Projects in ARDC FY 1953
2. USAF Doc #446: Disposition of Alien Specialist Records (Paperclip Info)
3. USAF Doc #447: Assignment of Paperclip Employees
4. USAF Doc #448: Stanford Research Institute, Contract for New Ideas, Innovative Proposals of Unusual/Controversial Nature, etc.
5. USAF Doc #449: Disapproval for Directorate of Biomedical Sciences
6. USAF Doc #450: Security Regulations for Project Paperclip
7. USAF Doc #451: High Altitude Physiology (high altitude protective equipment) *Note: This document could have an indirect relationship to hazardous memo.*
8. USAF Doc #452: Arctic Aeromed Lab-Flight and Survival Foods
9. USAF Doc #453: Centrifuge Tests with Chimpanzees, Naval Acceleration Laboratory
10. USAF Doc #454: Provisions for Escape and Pressure Suits in the B-58/Ejection Seat Records (Fatalities)
11. USAF Doc #455: Manned Balloon Program - *Note: Could have a relationship to ultrahazardous memo.*
12. USAF Doc #456: Paperclip Applicant
13. USAF Doc #457: ARDC Participation in Radiobiology Research

14. USAF Doc #458: Air Force Radiobiology Research in Support of Atomic Warfare and Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion
15. USAF Doc # 459: Use of Pressure Suits Used in High-Altitude Flying (Air Surgeon Ltr)
16. USAF Doc #460: Hickam Panel Recommendations -Pressure Suit
17. USAF Doc #461: Message (ARDC, AFSWC) Concerning Radiobiological Research (25 Apr 58)
18. USAF Doc #462: Human Subject Downward Ejection Seat Tests (Sep 1953)
19. USAF Doc #463: Test to Determine the Bailout Deceleration of Jumpers and Test Dummies
20. USAF Doc #464: Codes Used in 1953 Research and Development Program
21. USAF Doc #465: Allocations of R&D Responsibilities to Services, 1952
22. USAF Doc #466: Organization of Research in ARDC - 1951
23. USAF Doc #467: House Report #2618-Riehlman Report, Organization and Administration of the Military R&D Programs
24. USAF Doc #468: R&D Codes

In addition to the above documents retrieved during our search at the St. Louis National Records Center, Mr. Jim David of the ACHRE Staff provided a document on Amendment of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 to Provide Incentive Pay for Human Test Subjects (USAF Doc #470, Atch 3). I agree with Mr. David that this may have some relationship/connection to the 1958 ARDC Memo.

*Please note that we have not made copies of these documents. Please provide our office a copy following transmittal to the ACHRE Thank you!*

If you have any questions please call me at (202) 767-5078.



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**Attachment:**

1. ARDC Memo, 12 Sep 1958
2. AF Doc #445-468, ARDC Documents
3. Amendment to Compensation Act, 28 Aug 57