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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HERTFORD, ASST DEPUTY ASST CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Suggested Outline for DOD Organization of BW, CW, and RW

In answer to your memorandum, subject as above, I have no objection to the suggested outline. I assume that we will discuss in detail the committee's functions at our meeting on 16 October 1953 and that the final paper will be coordinated with this headquarters.

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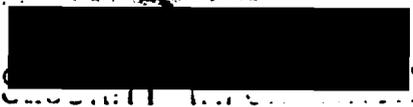
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1. There follows a functional description of a possible organization for conduct of the Toxic Agent Program.

2. Toxic Agents Policy Committee. Composed of appropriate representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Office, Secretary of Defense. Meets at call of chairman and at least once every quarter. Considers broad plans and policy matters submitted by members or chairman. These policy matters include program and budget review, service requirements, and general guidance concerning emphasis on various parts of the program. If unanimity is achieved, each Service member shall take necessary implementing action through his Service channels. The chairman will report the decisions and actions being taken to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development. Such actions are subject to disapproval or modification by the Secretary of Defense. If no agreement can be reached, chairman will report to Assistant Secretary of Defense to obtain a decision. Present BW-CW Inter-Service Coordinating Committee will be abolished in favor of this committee. This committee likewise will replace the existing dormant RDB Committee in the BW and CW areas.

3. Panel of Consultants. Composed of from 3 to 6 civilian scientific advisors outside Department of Defense competent in the toxic agent field. These consultants will be advisors to the Policy Committee but also will have direct access to the Secretary of Defense and his Assistants. They may be called upon individually or collectively for advice on various topics of interest, will have complete access to all phases of the programs, and make such recommendations as they deem necessary either to the Policy Committee or the Secretary of Defense. Insofar as practicable, part or all of these consultants should be used also as advisors to the Chief Chemical Officer in the technical aspects of the programs. The Policy Committee secretariat will also serve the Panel of Consultants .



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4. General Staff Coordination and Direction. Since the Army is the executive agent for the BW, CW, and RW Research and Development Programs, necessary action for implementation of the broad policy guidance and decisions will be the responsibility of the Army General Staff coordinating with the appropriate staff agencies in Hq USAF and CNO. G-4 Research and Development Division, as Executive Agent for the Chief of Research and Development, will be largely responsible for this coordination. This General Staff coordination should not be concerned with details of the operations of the contractor unless policy matters are involved or agreement cannot be reached at a lower level. When coordination cannot be achieved by the General Staff, the chairman of the Policy Committee will call a meeting of the Policy Committee.

5. Administration of the Contract. The Chief Chemical Officer, with an Assistant Chief for BW and the USAF and USN Deputies, will be the normal executive agent for the administration of the contract. Day-to-day problems concerning tests and other operations of the contractor should be resolved between the Assistant Chief Chemical Officer for BW and his two Deputies. The two Deputies should have access to the proper agencies in Hq USAF and Navy to obtain guidance and support as required for the conduct of the contractor operations. Matters that cannot be resolved at this level should be referred to the Army Staff (G-4), who will attempt to resolve the problems in the Army General Staff with proper coordination with Air Force and Navy. If the matter cannot be resolved on this level, it would be referred to the Policy Committee.

6. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Applications Engineering. Presumably there will be matters for discussion in the BW Program logically falling under the cognizance of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for

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Applications Engineering. For those items or projects as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Assistant Secretaries, representation in the Policy Committee might be from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Applications Engineering. If desirable, this could be further extended to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Supply and Logistics at the proper time.



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