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SUBJECT: Report of Activities

TO : Chief, Historical Division, SGO

1. Reference is made to report requested in Section 1, paragraph 1, SGO Bulletin dated 3 February 1950.

2. The Fiscal Year 1950 budget was defended and reviewed and approved in final form. The FY 1951 budget was prepared and will be defended before various review committees in the second half of the year. Technical reviews of research projects and programs were conducted with the various committees of the National Research Council and the Committee on Medical Sciences, Department of Defense Research and Development Board. The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board was constituted and was called in for two formal meetings. Problems of improved control for infectious disease research and programs within the Armed Forces were studied and recommended. One of the recommendations was that the Medical Department of the Army increase its emphasis on those aspects of accident prevention on which medical sciences have a bearing.

3. The Armed Services Field Medical Materiel Group met. The panels under this group reviewed requirements in medical equipment and outlined certain areas where improvement should be made and appropriate developmental studies undertaken. The Armed Services Catalog of Medical Materiel as it pertains to therapeutic items and equipment was reviewed by the Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council. This review will ultimately end in the deletion of obsolete or duplicating items and the inclusion of new improved items of therapy.

4. Steps were taken to institute a course in military medicine of approximately eleven months duration; one half of this to be given at the Brooke Army Medical Center by the Medical Field Service School and the other half at the Army Medical Center. At the Army Medical Center those scientific and clinical aspects of military medicine would be emphasized and taught. Negotiations were initiated for the establishment of a subsidiary laboratory under the direction of the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Preliminary planning was started to initiate a research team properly staffed and equipped to undertake studies of particular military importance in the Far East. It is anticipated that this initially will

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assigned to such a unit as the 406th Medical General Laboratory and that problems such as Japanese B encephalitis will be intensively studied.

5. Copies of the quarterly progress reports outlining accomplishments on specific research projects are inclosed.

6. The second half of Fiscal Year 1950 will be spent in further preparation of the FY 1951 budget, the readjustment of personnel allocations, the planning of future research projects, especially in fields attributable to atomic warfare and manpower selection and utilization. The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board will hold a third meeting during May 1950 to outline additional work for the Medical Department. A symposium entitled Military Medicine held under the miscellaneous section of the American Medical Association will be presented by the Army, Navy, and Air Force Medical Departments at the June 1950 meeting of this organization at San Francisco, California. Based upon the acceptability of this symposium, it is planned to request that a section on military medicine be instituted within the American Medical Association.

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