

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

HEADQUARTERS
DEFENSE ATOMIC SUPPORT AGENCY

AGENDA
30 MARCH 1961

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - GENERAL BOOTH
- II. DASA ORGANIZATION - COLONEL LEDFORD
- III. STATUS REPORT - COLONEL HOLMES

Construction

Charter &

Licensing

Training Program

Research Program

IV. ACTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Nomination of the Directorate
- B. Appointment of an Ad Hoc Manpower and Personnel Committee
With Responsibility as Follows:

1. IMMEDIATE

A Plan for the Procurement of Laboratory Chiefs and
Reactor Safety Operators

2. SOON

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Attendees

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Dr. Frank B. Berry	- The Senior Medical Advisor Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower)
Dr. Edward H. Cushing	- The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical)
Colonel John M. Talbot	- Chief, Biology & Medicine Division, Office of Science, Office of DDR&E

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Maj. General Robert H. Booth	- Chief, DASA
Colonel Jack C. Ledford	- Deputy Chief of Staff, Weapons Effects and Tests
Colonel Robert H. Holmes	- Chief, Reactor Task Force

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

ARMY

Lt. General Leonard D. Heaton	- The Surgeon General
Brig. General James H. Forsee	- Designee

NAVY

RADM E. C. Kenney	- The Surgeon General
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AIR FORCE

Maj. General Oliver K. Niess	- The Surgeon General
Colonel Karl H. Houghton	- Chief, Aerospace Medicine Division Directorate of Professional Service Office of the Surgeon General

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DEFENSE ATOMIC SUPPORT AGENCY
Medical Division
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at 1030, on 30 March 1961, in Conference Room A, Headquarters, Defense Atomic Support Agency. Attached is the Agenda of the meeting and a list of the attendees.
2. A movie was taken of the Members of the Board as they entered the conference room and of the observers following seating of the membership. A still photograph was taken of the Board with the Chairman exhibiting an Artists Concept of the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute.
3. General Booth, Chairman of the Board, extended his welcome and announced that a documentary film was being made of the chronological development of the AFRRI to satisfy certain Public Information requirements and to provide an information and educational medium for the lay public regarding the nature of the AFRRI, its reactor, its management, and its purpose. He then introduced Colonel Jack C. Ledford, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Weapons Effects and Tests, and requested that he discuss the DASA organizational structure as it relates to the AFRRI.
4. Colonel Ledford presented a series of charts which outlined the Command Channels for the DASA and its various relationships. He pointed out that the Chief, DASA, and also Chairman of the Board of Governors of the AFRRI, was authorized direct communication with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense and that, when indicated, the Board could utilize the full potential of this channel. Colonel Ledford then reviewed the composition of the Weapons Effects Board (WEB) and its mission. He showed that each Service was equally represented on the Weapons Effects Board and that all research proposals related to nuclear weapons effects were reviewed by this Board and approved or rejected on the basis of merit and priority. The DASA, by directive of the Secretary of Defense, was responsible for this coordination as well as the budgeting and funding. Colonel Ledford emphasized that the actual management of a given research project

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remained the prerogative and responsibility of the Service with whom the project originated. He pointed out that the desire of the Comptroller to establish a Department of Defense Coordinating Agency (DASA) which would be a single source of budgeting responsibility for the specific area of nuclear weapons effects research was, in fact, a distinct advantage to the Services because their research proposals in this area would then no longer be competitive with the remainder of their research programs.

5. Colonel Holmes then gave a status report on the AFRRI as follows:

a. Construction - On schedule. Due for completion in late December 1961 or January 1962. Possible speaker for the occasion, Mr. John F. Kennedy.

b. Charter - Tri-Service concurrence not yet received. The Navy and Air Force concur. The Army has raised objection to the funding and personnel requirements. These two subjects have been discussed by the Chief DASA in great detail verbally and in official correspondence with and to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research and Development), the Chief, Life Sciences Division, Army Research Office, the Commanding General, Research and Development Command, and the Chief, Nuclear Energy Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army. Prospects are favorable that early concurrence from the Army will be forthcoming. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical) and the Office of Science, Directorate of Defense Research and Engineering have been kept informed of the situation. (Note: Concurrence was soon received and the Charter was published as DoD Directive Number 5154.16, dated 12 May 1961).

c. Licensing - Necessary steps to obtain the license determined, AEC liaison established. Revision of Hazards Summary Report begun.

d. Training Program - DASA approval for curriculum and funding obtained. Plan for selection of the initial cadre prepared and ready for Committee action.

e. Research Program - Broad general lines prepared by DASA for budget requirements. Actual research proposals (613's) to be prepared by the Directorate when nominated and appointed.

f. Action Requirements - as listed on the Agenda were accomplished as follows:

(1) The Directorate was nominated:

Director - Colonel James T. Brennan, MC, USA

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Deputy Director - Capt. Francis W. Chambers, MSC, USN

Deputy Director - Lt. Colonel Carl L. Hansen, Jr, USAF

(2) An Ad Hoc Manpower and Personnel Committee was appointed with responsibility as follows:

a Immediate preparation of a plan for the procurement of laboratory chiefs and reactor safety operators.

b Preparation as soon as possible of a Joint Table of Distribution.

6. General discussion by the members of the Board followed and apparent satisfaction was expressed with the rate of progress.

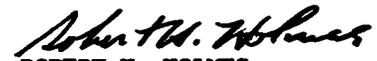
Brig. General Forsee stated that he would contact the proper Army channels regarding the impasse on the charter.

Dr. Berry suggested that although the President might be a highly desirable personality to render the dedication address to the AFRRI, it could be that the press of national and international events would preclude his participation. This possibility was acknowledged and Dr. Berry informed that Mr. Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense (PA) had been contacted for advice on this matter.

7. General Booth adjourned the meeting at 1145.

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1. Agenda for Mtg
of Board of Governors
on 30 March 1961
2. List of Attendees


ROBERT H. HOLMES
Colonel MC USA
Secretary,
Board of Governors