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SUBJECT: AFRRI Board of Governors Meeting

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1. Enclosed is the proposed agenda and supportive materials for the 27th Board of Governors to be held at AFRRI from 0900-1200 hours, 9 January 1979. Please note the items listed under Para V, titled "Topics for Discussion by the Board of Governors".
2. I was not fully satisfied with the 26th Board of Governors meeting held on 22 November 1977. Considerable information was presented to the Board, but substantive issues were not addressed, nor was adequate time allowed for deliberation on potential problem areas. As you can see from the list of activities in Para IV, AFRRI has been involved in a multitude of actions which have resulted in a number of questions about the AFRRI mission, its future efforts and program development. These issues are summarized under Para V and I solicit your opinions, advice, and recommendations on each of these topics.
3. Please feel free to call on Colonel McIndoe, Director, AFRRI for any additional information you may desire.
4. I look forward to our meeting in January and wish you a happy holiday season.

Enclosures
as stated

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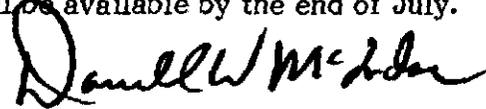
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1. Enclosed is the Executive Summary of the 27th Meeting of the AFRRRI Board of Governors. This Executive Summary and detailed minutes of the meeting have been previously reviewed and requested changes made.
2. The requested ad hoc committee, as noted in Paragraph 2, d., has convened one time and is scheduled to reconvene on 21 June 1979. It is anticipated that a final report from this committee will be available by the end of July.

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19 June 1979

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
27th Meeting of the AFRRI Board of Governors

1. The 27th Board of Governors Meeting convened at 0845 Hours, 9 January 1979, following a ground breaking ceremony for the new AFRRI Animal Research Facility. VADM Robert R. Monroe chaired the meeting. A large number of items concerning the AFRRI Research Program were covered in great detail with active participation by each member of the Board.

2. Listed below are items that the Board concurred in, requested or endorsed.

a. The Board unanimously concurred in VADM Monroe's response to a GAO survey of the Enewetak Cleanup. The Radiation Safety Audit and Inspection Team, composed of personnel from AFRRI and members from each of the Uniformed Services and the Department of Energy, should be classified as an Independent Safety Review. (Page 2, Paragraph 5)

b. The Board of Governors, acting in their roles as the Surgeons General, agreed to an all points message in support of the NTPR Program for those personnel who participated in the Atmospheric Nuclear Weapons Tests and who are eligible for care. (Page 2, Paragraph 6)

c. VADM Monroe requested prompt communication directly to him, Mr. Haas, or Col McIndoe, if the Surgeons General felt that any actions being taken in the NTPR Program were ill-advised. (Page 3, Paragraph 2)

d. LtGen Myers recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed consisting of a nominee from each of the three Services, and they would make recommendations to the Board of Governors about the direction and level of effort that should be expended by AFRRI in studying the long-term biomedical effects of low-level ionizing radiation. The nominees to this committee are CAPT Joseph D. Bloom, MC, USN, COL J. J. Thiessen, MC, USA, John E. Pickering, Col, USAF (Ret); a suspense date for this report was not set. (Page 10, Paragraph 9)

e. It was suggested by LtGen Myers and concurred in by the other members of the Board that the Brain Trauma Research Program be supported to its conclusion, at which time it should be reviewed for a decision about future efforts. (Page 15, Paragraph 5)

f. The general consensus of the Board of Governors, and wholeheartedly concurred in by Mr. Haas, was that AFRRI should be involved in basic research and that these efforts should be reviewed by the Board of Governors in order that the program may be monitored for basic mission support. (Page 17, Paragraph 3)

Enclosure 1

g. Mr. Haas advised the Board that he would request the previously mentioned ad hoc committee review whether the opinions rendered in the final report by the Defense Audit Service (DAS), are justifiable about AFRRI's non-radiation research efforts. (Page 18, Paragraph 6)

h. The Board of Governors concurred that AFRRI involvement in clinical research was appropriate, but Mr. Haas felt that this effort should be a small one. (Page 20, Paragraph 5)

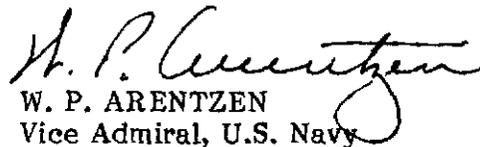
i. Col McIndoe recommended to the Board that Medical Department personnel assigned to AFRRI have a five year basic tour. The three Surgeons General agreed to this and received endorsement and concurrence from VADM Monroe. (Page 21, Paragraph 3)

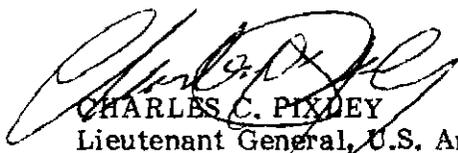
j. The Board of Governors endorsed the continuation of the AFRRI Education Program in Nuclear Weapons Effects. (Page 23, Paragraph 1)

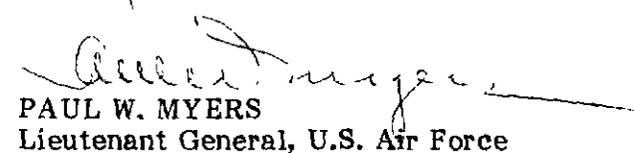
k. The Board of Governors recommended that DoD Directive 5105.33 be amended to include the Dean of the School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, as a member of the Board. (Page 23, Paragraph 4)

APPROVED BY THE AFRRI BOARD OF GOVERNORS


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