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MEMORANDUM

TO: F. C. Waller

FROM: C. L. Wilson

SUBJECT: SURVEY OF PRACTICES IN DEALING WITH NATIONAL LABORATORIES

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In connection with the study of national laboratory problems which is now in progress, it has become apparent that detailed information will be needed concerning the methods actually practiced by Washington divisions and offices in dealing with the national laboratories. It is therefore requested that you undertake a factual study of the methods of interaction between the national laboratories and the Washington office. This will include a study of:

(a) Methods of reporting and fact finding, such as

Periodic reports,
Special reports,
Visits to laboratories, and
Visits to Washington by laboratory or AEC field personnel.

(b) Methods of influencing the program, such as

Formal authorizations, or requests for projects and programs,
Informal suggestions, etc.

(c) Methods of dealing with fiscal matters, including budget formation, approval and defense, allotment of funds, and accounting for costs or expenditures.

The Directors of Biology and Medicine, Reactor Development, and Research will each appoint an individual to work with your office on this study. Contacts with field offices or laboratories in connection with this study should be made through the division with primary interest in the

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laboratory in question. (See my memorandum of October 5, 1949, on "Defense of National Laboratory Budgets").

A preliminary report, which may be informal, is requested in about three weeks. At this time the scope of the remainder of the study can be determined.

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TO: C. L. Wilson ✓
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The attached draft request for a study of national laboratory problems is circulated for discussion Monday evening, November 14.

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Attachment

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