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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, CHEMICAL CORPS

SUBJECT: Assignment of Research and Development Cognizance for Radiological Warfare.

1. References:

a. Memorandum, this office, subject "Definition of Primary Cognizance as Applied to Research and Development Activities", dated 24 November 1948.

b. RDB 88/7, as approved at the 16th Meeting of the Research and Development Board, wherein the Board assigned to the Department of the Army primary responsibility for development of the means of dissemination of RW agents.

2. Assignment of cognizance:

Primary cognizance for research and development in the field of radiological warfare is assigned to the Chief, Chemical Corps. This field embraces offensive radiological warfare (less the offensive use of nuclear reaction bombs) and defensive radiological warfare (including counter-measures). This assignment includes responsibility within the National Military Establishment for the development of means of dissemination of RW agents as assigned to the Department of the Army by the Research and Development Board in reference 1b above.

3. Coordination:

In addition to the responsibilities outlined in reference 1a above, the following additional responsibilities assigned to the Department of the Army by reference 1b above are delegated to the Chief, Chemical Corps:

a. Responsibility for coordination with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project.

b. Responsibility for review of all projects in this field to insure that no important gaps exist in the program. The Departments of the Navy and Air Force have been advised of the assignment outlined in reference 1b above. The Research and Development Board allocation to the

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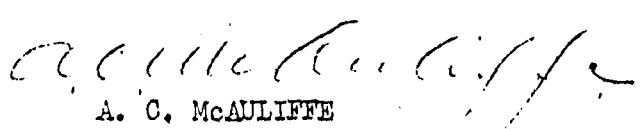
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Army requires that, prior to the initiation of any projects in this field, the Departments of the Navy and Air Force will coordinate with the Department of the Army to insure that such projects will not involve unwarranted duplication of effort in any of the three departments. The responsible agency will insure that all questions of individual Departmental responsibility are either settled by mutual agreement or, in the event of disagreement, are submitted to the Deputy Director for Research and Development for decision. Disagreements to such decisions will be referred by the proposing Department to the Research and Development Board for resolution.

c. The Chief, Chemical Corps is charged with keeping the Departments of Navy and Air Force fully advised of the current status and progress in this field and will maintain direct liaison for that purpose.

4. The Department of the Army Research and Development Programs for the Fiscal Years 1949 and 1950 are amended accordingly.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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