

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIES

to the

HOLDERS OF J.C.S. 1837/118 - 3260 (30 Aug 60)
(Biological and Chemical Warfare (U))

In a memorandum for CINCNORAD, CMLMO-CD, dated 26 September 1960, subject: "Biological and Chemical Warning Systems", a copy of which was furnished the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Director for Military Operations, Office of the Chief Chemical Officer, Department of the Army, referred to:

- a. CINCNORAD letter, NPSD,* dated 22 August 1960, subject: "Biological and Chemical Warfare"
- b. Conference between Lt. Colonel Wiener, CINCNORAD Headquarters, and Colonel Baker, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 25 August 1960
- c. CINCNORAD letter, NPSD-R,** dated 6 September 1960, subject: "Biological and Chemical Warfare"
- d. Telephone conversation between Major Cripe, CINCNORAD Headquarters, and Captain Sugrue, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 20 September 1960

and stated:

"2. Confirming references 1b and 1d, briefing of your staff, as requested by references 1a and 1c, is considered not only desirable, but essential. It is suggested, however, that rather than a unilateral presentation of current and programmed Chemical Corps research and development projects in biological and chemical early warning systems, this meeting provide a true exchange of information. It is therefore suggested that, in addition to the Chemical Corps presentation, your Headquarters present a resume of your detailed requirements so that these may be considered during development of any system.

* Enclosure to J.C.S. 1837/118

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exchange of information; dates of your choice within the following weeks, in order of priority, 17 October, 31 October, 24 October 1960, are suitable for this meeting.

"4. The assigned Project Officer is Lt. Colonel Kenneth I. Bechtold, U.S. Army Chemical Corps Research and Development Command, Washington 25, D.C., OXford 75698. It is requested that details be arranged through the Project Officer."

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M. J. INGELIDO,

Joint Secretariat.

30 August 1960

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

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The enclosed memorandum by the Commander in Chief, North American Air Defense Command, NPSD, dated 22 August 1960, a copy of which was furnished the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is circulated for information.

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NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
Ent Air Force Base

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22 August 1960

To: Chief of Staff
Department of Army
ATTN: Chief Chemical Officer
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: Biological and Chemical Warfare (U)

1. By JCS directive,* the Commander-in-Chief, North American Air Defense Command (CINCNORAD) is assigned the mission of air defense of the North American Continent. The employment of biological and chemical agents is recognized as a possible means of attack against the North American Continent, our military and civilian populations, and military and civilian facilities.

2. The North American Air Defense Command has a requirement for a system to detect and report enemy employment of biological and/or chemical agents which might affect air defense personnel and equipment from carrying out their assigned mission. This system must be capable of providing positive and timely detection of the agent, or agents employed, and the instantaneous reporting of such employment to the NORAD Combat Operations Center for assessment and dissemination of appropriate information to air defense agencies in time to place into effect timely protective and defensive actions. The NORAD Command and Control Communications Network which will be used for automatic transmission of nuclear detonation data could also be utilized for transmission of biological and chemical agent attack information.

3. It is understood that the U.S. Army Chemical Corps Field Requirements Agency, Fort McClellan, Alabama, has been assigned

* Appendix to J.C.S. 1541/141

responsibility for completion in FY-61 of two combat development studies dealing with early warning systems in the area of Biological Warfare. Consideration of NORAD's requirement in the conduct of these studies will be appreciated. Chemical Corps personnel visits to this Headquarters and/or NORAD project officer's visits to Chemical Corps agencies or installations for discussions related to NORAD's need in the BW/CW area will be welcomed.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

/s/ W. H. HENNIG
Major General, USA
Chief of Staff