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A Note by the Secretaries

on

BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND DEFENSE PROGRAMS (U)

The attached memorandum by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, CM-551-62, dated 14 February 1962, subject as above, together with its Enclosure, is circulated for information.

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CM-551-62

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Biological and Chemical Weapons and
Defense Programs (U)

1. This memorandum is submitted in response to the memorandum* from the Deputy Secretary of Defense of 27 January 1962, on the above subject.

2. The approved recommendations of the Task Group Report on Project 112** placed six requirements on the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The attached enclosure, with phased requirements and responses thereto, outlines the action taken to implement the above recommendations. There are no apparent problems which preclude accomplishing the desired implementation.

(Sgd) L. L. LEMNITZER

* Attachment to JCS 1837/139 L. L. LEMNITZER
** On file in Joint Secretariat; Chairman
see attachment to Joint Chiefs of Staff
JCS 1837/139

Enclosure

cc: Director, JS
Director, J-3 (w/oencl)
Secretary, JCS

RE: DJSM-193-62

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND DEFENSE PROGRAMS (U)

Reference: JCS 1837/132

1. The attached memorandum by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, dated 27 January 1962, subject as above, is referred to the J-3 in collaboration with the J-5 for preparation of a proposed reply for the signature of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.
2. A report is required by 12 February 1962.

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PHASE I

FIRST REQUIREMENT

"Immediately evaluate and modify operational plans, as necessary, to provide for the specific employment of chemical and biological weapons, so as to be prepared for the use of these weapons, if directed. Stockpiles of modern munitions should be strategically positioned to support these operational plans as soon as possible."

ACTION TAKEN

On 27 November 1961, necessary instructions were dispatched to commanders of unified and specified commands to implement the above requirement. Further implementing instructions were incorporated in Annex K (Chemical, Biological and Radiological Annex) to Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan 1 July 1962 - 30 June 1963 (JSCP-63).

SECOND REQUIREMENT

"Evaluate the current stockpile of World War II mustard munitions and bulk agent and production facilities in relation to the newer agent VX to determine the necessity for retention of a mustard stockpile and production capability."

ACTION TAKEN

In addressing the above requirement, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concluded that the stockpile of mustard munitions and bulk agent should be retained for the present. This plus other conclusions and recommendations reflecting the judgment of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were forwarded to the Secretary of Defense on 27 December 1961 by JCSM-884-61. This memorandum, together with its enclosures, outlines the action taken by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in implementing the second requirement.

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order to evaluate the current posture of the U.S. Military Forces in biological and chemical defense and to insure that the best possible use is made of existing defensive equipment, protective measures, and training."

ACTION TAKEN

Instructions required for implementation of this requirement were incorporated in the directives discussed under First Requirement, above.

FOURTH REQUIREMENT

"Intensify intelligence collection efforts to determine more specifically the Sino-Soviet Bloc Capabilities with Biological Weapons."

ACTION TAKEN

Coordination was effected by the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with Defense Intelligence Agency and the Services in intensifying the collection effort. Further, support is being given to transferring this important intelligence need from a national priority II category to priority I. It is estimated that the advance in priority, expected to be approved by the United States Intelligence Board in the near future, will produce the desired stimulus to the biological collection effort.

PHASE II

FIFTH REQUIREMENT

Establish a Joint Task Force at an extracontinental site for the purpose of large scale biological-chemical (B-C) testing.

ACTION TAKEN

In addressing the above requirement, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concluded that extracontinental testing of B-C weapons can be conducted adequately as an extension of continental

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testing under the direction of the Chief of Staff, US Army. This concept was proposed to the Secretary of Defense in a memorandum (JCSM-57-62), dated 24 January 1962.

PHASE III

SIXTH REQUIREMENT

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff will insure that the user and service requirements are reviewed annually on a timely basis, to provide the R&D planners with sufficient time to prepare their annual revision of the five year B&C RDT&E program for their budget submission."

STATUS

The recently completed B&C RDT&E Five Year Program reflects existing B-C requirements. The first annual review of user and service B-C requirements will be conducted in conjunction with the annual preparation of the Joint Strategic Objectives Plan for FY 1968-1970 (JSOP 68). This plan will be prepared in the fall of CY 1962. Subsequent reviews will be conducted on a yearly basis at the time of JSOP preparation.