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MEMORANDUM FOR THE US COMMANDER IN CHIEF, EUROPE

Subject: Action to Improve CBR Capability (U)

1. Reference is made to:

a. Letter, ECJC-0, dated 10 August 1962, subject as above.

b. USCINCEUR message, ECJCO 9-14941, dated 19 September 1962.

c. DOD Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Plan for Chemical and Biological Weapons and Defense (U), FY 63-67, for 1 December 1961.

d. Department of the Army Combat Development Objectives Guide, dated 23 May 1958.

2. In accordance with above references, USCINCEUR's qualitative CBR munition and equipment requirements for the 1962-65 time frame have been reviewed with interest. The Army has incorporated your recommendations in requirements for all of the items submitted except as noted in paragraph 3, below. It is believed that all of the requirements indicated can be satisfied ultimately by the five year balanced RDT&E program.

3. The US Army Combat Development Objectives Guide now contains requirements for all of the items except 7, 18, and 28.

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a. Item 7 is not covered by a specific Qualitative Material Requirement; however, within the 1962-1965 period, this requirement will be met by the following:

(1) A drone disseminator is under development for the AN/USD-2 Drone and is scheduled for type classification in FY 65.

(2) A VX warhead for the Improved Honest John Rocket is being developed and is scheduled for type classification in FY 65.

(3) A VT-fuzed version of the M55 rocket VX filled is under development and is scheduled for type classification in FY 65.

(4) The VT-fuzed 155mm artillery shell VX filled is currently standard.

b. Item 18 was an Army quantitative material requirement, but is now deleted pending determination of technical feasibility. At such time as feasibility is determined, cited requirement will be reinstated.

c. Item 28 is a guide to research for more effective methods of storage and dissemination of toxics and is included in the Army's applied research program. This item was also the subject of separate correspondence to the Chief of Naval Operations and has been referred to the Office of Naval Research for action.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:



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