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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE: 15 DEC 1966

FROM : Acting Chief,

SUBJECT: Review of Draft Proposal from

1. Dr. [redacted] of your Division has requested that Dr. [redacted] comment upon the draft proposal for a contract. They have discussed this reply informally.

2. The proposal mentions travel by "biological scientists." [redacted] Branch has little interest in this. They are interested in travels by biochemists, pharmaceutical chemists, toxicologists, and other chemists versed in compounds having a high physiological activity. The point may concern semantics, but these are chemists having interests in biological areas and are not "biological scientists." It is suggested that any contract with [redacted] make this clear--otherwise the contract could be staffed by botanists, zoologists, and the like.

3. The [redacted] proposal for expansion to include "parasitic diseases, arbovirus problems," is not recommended. Its presence in the draft increases concern over their term "biological scientists."

4. The present [redacted] effort for Army is understood to cover Western Europe and part of the Far East, and to be limited to the Free World generally. Future work should be directed toward acquisition of data on Soviet, Chicom, and Satellite research. This should be possible through the [redacted] offices. Western information is of value, but other sources are available for its acquisition.

5. The [redacted] Branch, [redacted] has a major interest in new compounds both natural and synthetic that have a very high physiological activity. Through this, the Branch

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is interested in chemical, biochemical, pharmacological, and physiological (including mechanism-of-action) studies that are pertinent to these compounds. Division, I understand, has similar interests. A contract in such an area should cover points of common emphasis and be of value, in this regard, to the Branch. The contract as finally developed in detail by is expected to yield data helpful to the Branch.