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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Project

REFERENCE : "Status Report on Animal Programs" Dated 6 March 1967

1. This memorandum is in response to your request for guidance on Project as set forth in the referenced memorandum.
2. As the reference indicates, the 20 February demonstration of the products of this project brought personnel up to date on the project status. personnel have since had several discussions with individuals responsible for which might conceivably involve animals of the type. While those who have been made aware of this accomplishment regard it as an elegant exercise in biological science, they do not view it as a viable concept. For this reason, we do not recommend that further R&D aimed specifically at producing more sophisticated versions be pursued. The outlook for application of this type of system simply does not warrant such an effort. Recent discussions of the at Agency-wide briefings by have further limited its potential
3. On the other hand, it would appear quite reasonable for you to attempt to justify future efforts on Project entirely on the basis of (1) background studies in animal training methods, (2) as a test-bed for animal electronic systems and (3) as studies on basic problems. We endorse any of these goals on the basis of long continuing and recurring needs for background information, but not as specific tools.

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4. [redacted] will continue to work closely with you on the other areas of the animal program indicated in the reference. The [redacted] Studies are of particular interest. If we can be of any value in the evaluation of Project [redacted] please let us know. [redacted] will continue to be our working level contact in these areas.

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c. We could, if you desire, modify the electronic systems to add security, modify [the entire system in a collar or leash arrangement which would involve some tradeoffs between security and cost.

d. We could undertake studies to [over which these animals will operate through the use of from discussions with [It is my impression that [its of relatively little importance, however.

e. It may be that current [requirements are such that the use of these land animal platforms is not necessary, in which case I believe we should terminate the program.

5. If [decide that they wish to implement the use of these animals or modified versions, it is important to initiate simulated operations at an early date, possibly [or some other suitable site. This will give us an opportunity to find out if there are any unforeseen problems in the system. If [feel there is no use for these land animals, I would like your approval to turn this technology over to [who is aware of this project has expressed great interest in it. . . .