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**PROGRAM FOR INTENSIFICATION OF O/SI RESEARCH  
AND PRODUCTION IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

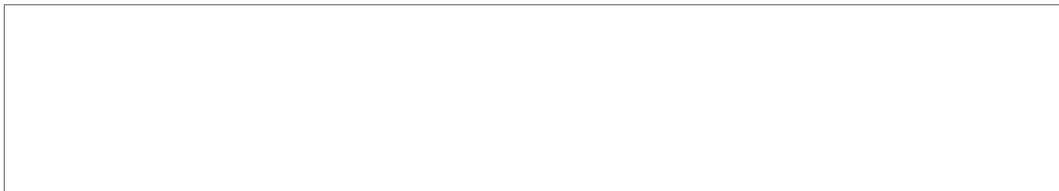
1. As a result of the recent IAC decision on division of responsibility in the scientific and technical field, O/SI is reorienting the work of the Biology Division and has or is undertaking the following steps to intensify its effort in this field. This is in keeping with Mr. Lovett's request.

a. Assignment of personnel in the Biology and Medicine Divisions to engage in the systematic survey of the open literature now available on the subject, directed at the development of more adequate collection guidance.

b. Exploration of the possibilities for assistance in this regard through reorientation or expansion of external research contracts.

c. Consultation with the State Department Science Adviser and those responsible for administering the publications procurement program to examine (1) what additional steps can be taken immediately to extend the collection of open literature abroad, and (2) what steps are possible to strengthen the scientific and agricultural attache systems in the direction of more adequate collection of biological information.

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e. O/SI currently is pursuing the exploitation of special intelligence on a systematic basis in the field of biology. This cannot be intensified unless collection and processing in this field is increased by AFSA. This is in turn contingent upon appropriate USCIB action.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Priorities for Intelligence Collection

1. Reference is made to Memorandum from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, dated 16 August 1952, a copy of which is attached. A similar memorandum was addressed to the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. This memorandum calls attention to the paucity of intelligence available concerning Soviet capabilities and intentions in the field of biological warfare.

3. It is agreed that this condition exists, but the intelligence desired must be obtained almost entirely by clandestine agencies. Existing priorities as established by DCID 4/2 place BW and other critical weapons in fifth of seven places.

4. In view of the heightened interest in Soviet BW capabilities as evidenced by Secretary Lovett's memorandum, it is recommended that emphasis be placed on this phase of the clandestine collection program.

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(Signed) R. C. Partridge

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Washington

16 August 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Biological Warfare Intelligence

1. There is an acute requirement for more reliable information regarding Soviet activities, capabilities and intentions concerning biological warfare. Current intelligence on this subject is so sparse that it does not provide a satisfactory basis for overall evaluation or formulation of Department of Defense planning in this field.

2. The difficulties inherent in gathering intelligence on this subject are recognized. However, the continuing need for more complete and reliable information appears to dictate an accelerated emphasis on biological warfare intelligence.

3. For your information, I am inclosing a copy of a similar memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence.

ROBERT A. LOVETT

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

**SUBJECT: Biological Warfare Intelligence**

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2. The difficulties inherent in gathering intelligence on this subject are recognized. However, the continuing need for more complete and reliable information appears to dictate an accelerated emphasis on biological warfare intelligence. I am forwarding a similar memorandum to Defense Department intelligence agencies and would appreciate any action you deem appropriate to assist in accomplishing this extremely important objective.

(Signed) Robert Lovett

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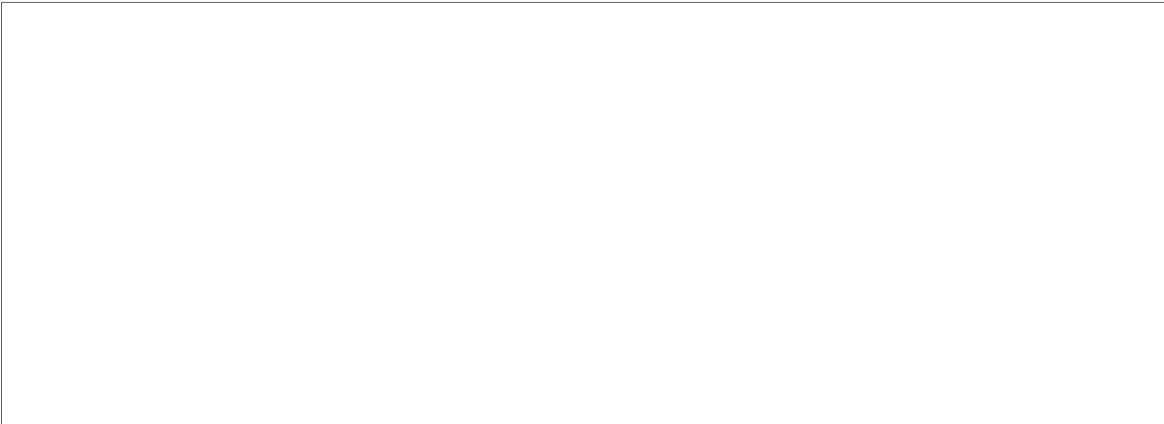
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**SUBJECT:** Priorities for Intelligence Collection

**REFERENCE:** Your memorandum, subject as above, dated  
29 August 1952

1. In view of the heightened interest in Soviet BW capabilities which you recognized in your memorandum, it would be appropriate if we discussed the matter in some detail at the next meeting of the IAC. I am planning to circularize my reply to Secretary Levett's 16 August memorandum on this problem prior to that meeting.

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**SUBJECT : Biological Warfare Intelligence**

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1. This report is forwarded in accordance with the undertaking contained in my memorandum of 24 September, relating to intelligence concerning Soviet biological warfare (BW) capabilities and intentions.

2. The following actions have been taken with respect to collection of BW intelligence:

a. Both the Inter-Agency Priorities Committee and the Intelligence Advisory Committee have considered the BW problem. The Defense agencies do not desire to raise the priority for covert collection of BW intelligence at this time since it would compete with other collection requirements now established by the Department of Defense as vital to early warning responsibilities.

b. USCB for the first time has accepted detailed priority requirements on BW for exploitation by AFSA. This action should improve both the quantity and quality of information.

c. The State Department has accepted detailed requirements calling for the assignment of a high priority to reporting in the fields of agronomy and veterinary medicine which have a direct bearing on BW.

d. Discussions are taking place with the State Department on the possible assignment to Embassy staffs of scientific specialists under the Science Attache Program.

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3. CIA is also stepping up its program for research in related basic sciences; notably, increased man-hours have been allocated to our program of systematic analysis of special intelligence pertaining to institutions and areas suspected of having BW potential.

4. A CIA representative has also been appointed to maintain liaison with the Biological Warfare Working Group of the Joint Technical Intelligence Subcommittee of the JIC, and the recently established Scientific Estimates Committee is taking continuing cognizance of the BW problem. In a few months it is planned to review the adequacy of these mechanisms for coordinating CIA's research activities in the basic sciences and those of the Service intelligence agencies in their area of primary responsibility.

5. In spite of the inherent difficulties of determining BW activities, we will pursue this problem aggressively and provide maximum support to the security organizations concerned with defense against BW.

WALTER B. SMITH  
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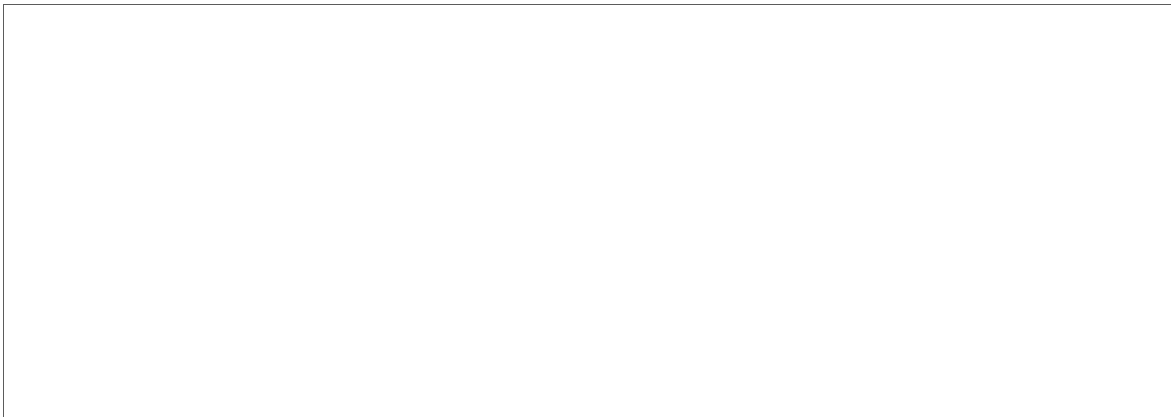
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**INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**BIOLOGICAL WARFARE INTELLIGENCE**

1. Attached are copies of an interchange of correspondence between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence. General Smith has requested that this correspondence be disseminated to the IAC agencies for their information and as background to a discussion of this question at the next IAC meeting.



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**James Q. Reber**  
Secretary

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Extract from IAC-4-83, Minutes of Meeting of IAC, 8 October 1952

Biological Warfare Intelligence. (IAC-D-56)

3. Action: Noted the exchange of correspondence in the report regarding IPC action, it being understood that the Defense Agencies did not consider it desirable to change the IPC priorities to BW at this time.

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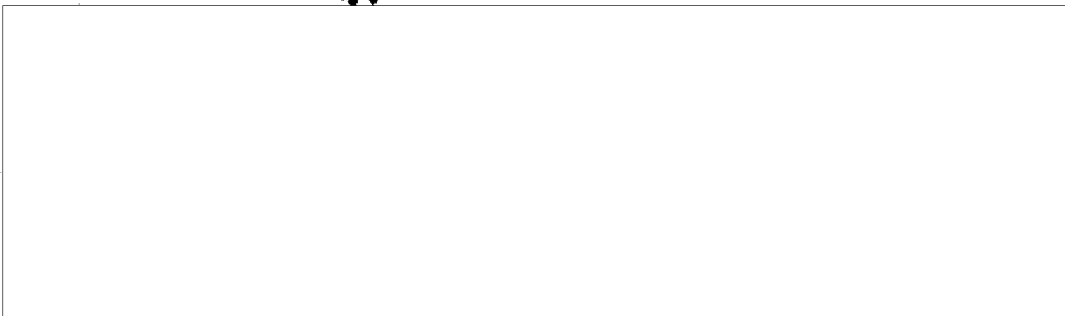
**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**SUBJECT: Biological Warfare Intelligence**

1. This is an interim report in response to your memorandum of 16 August on the inadequacy of intelligence regarding Soviet Biological Warfare.

2. We are needing the collection activities that are subject to our control through the Inter-Agency Priorities Committee. We are also seeking a higher priority for this type of information from USCIB. Any improvement in research activities will have to be done in the Department of Defense, which has the primary responsibility for such activities. We will supplement this by stepping up our research activities in the basic sciences and this may afford some help. We are also bringing to the attention of the IAC the noted deficiencies in this field, and are asking everybody to cooperate in an effort to improve both collection and research activities. We will follow through on this to the best of our ability.

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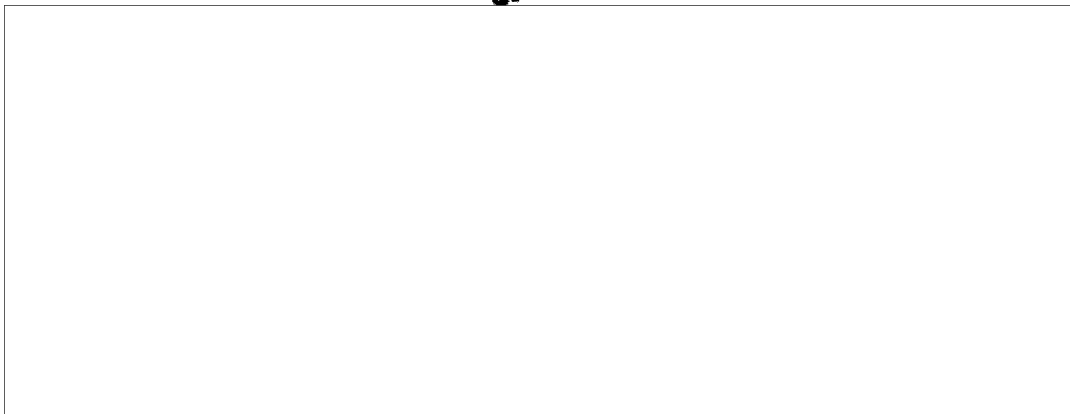
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Dr. H. P. Robertson  
Director of Research  
Weapons System Evaluation Group  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
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Dear Dr. Robertson:

I have received your letter dated April 18, 1952, requesting the assistance of this Agency in the preparation of certain studies relating to biological warfare.

We shall be very glad to have the requested studies prepared by the Office of Research and Reports and the Office of Scientific Intelligence, respectively.

Very sincerely,

Loftus E. Becker  
Deputy Director/Intelligence

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Dear Mr. Becker:

As you know, the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group has been requested by the Secretary of Defense to prepare, as a matter of priority, an evaluation of biological warfare. Your Agency has already contributed two notable studies, which have been of material assistance to us on this project. We now find it necessary to request additional study on certain aspects on the offensive use of anti-crop pathogens.

Specifically, we require an estimate of the land use pattern of the principal cereal grain growing oblasts of the USSR and an estimate of the probable spread of infection, sufficiently heavy to cause 50% or more grain loss of cereal rusts from foci of primary infection.

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The details of this project have been discussed with Mr. Robert Anery and [redacted] the Office of Research and Reports, and with [redacted] the Office of Scientific Intelligence by Dr. Allen in my office. Subject to your approval, OER has agreed to undertake the monitoring of the project and to furnish the data on land use pattern, and OSI has agreed to develop the necessary data on rust spread. The latter part of this project is tentatively planned to be done with the cooperation of Dr. McCall, a plant pathologist employed by the Operations Research Office, U. S. Army. The project is estimated to require approximately three weeks and, therefore, a date of 9 May has been established as the desired deadline.

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Your cooperation on this project is greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely,

H. P. ROBERTSON  
Director of Research

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