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JMSIC Semiannual Report

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Semiannual report of the Joint Medical Sciences Intelligence Committee

The Joint Medical Sciences Intelligence Committee was established in accordance with DCID 3/3 and SIC 3/1, paragraph 7.

The Membership of the Committee is as follows:

CIA:

AEC: Dr. Malcolm Henderson, ODI  
Air: Maj. William Sheeley, Regular Member  
Lt. Col. Louis B. Arnoldi, Alternate Member  
Army: Dr. Louis F. Woodruff, I.D.  
Navy: Capt. John M. Bachulus, ONI, Regular Member  
Capt. H. H. Montgomery, Alternate Member

N.B. (1) The Chairman of the JMSIC has received unofficial notice (not yet confirmed officially) that Dr. Arthur Turner, Medical Intelligence, S.G.O., U.S.A., has been selected as Regular Member to replace Dr. Louis F. Woodruff who will become the alternate member.

(2) The Committee wants the State Department to be represented. To achieve this, it recommends that Dr. Louis Williams, Chief, Division of International Health, USPHS, be appointed as a regular member of JMSIC if he is completely cleared from the security standpoint, or as ad hoc member of JMSIC if cleared up to and including top secret. Dr. Williams is establishing liaison between the USPHS and the State Department, which would permit him to express the views of both agencies, particularly in view of the international coverage by Dr. Williams's office.

At the first meeting of the JMSIC, held on 10 January 1950 at 1400 hours, the objectives of the committee were discussed. At this meeting only three members were available, and one of these was scheduled for an assignment, which precluded his continuation as a member of the committee. For these reasons, no firm decisions could be approved.

Difficulties which have hampered productive work of the committee have arisen from changes in assignment of members and security clearance of certain of these members. Air, Army, and Navy assignments were being changed and the Army change in membership is still not officially announced.

The second meeting of JMSIC was held on 25 April 1950 at 1400 hours. Formal minutes of this meeting were kept, and minutes will be kept in the future. A synopsis of this meeting was submitted for approval to all members of the JMSIC on 8 May 1950. In the case of the Air Force member, the synopsis was addressed to the alternate member who represented that Armed Service at the 25 April meeting, in the absence of the regular member. Approval of these minutes was received from all members.

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At the second meeting, on 25 April 1950 it was decided that Capt. Bachulus would prepare some "notes and proposals for the Chairman and Members of the JMSIC" relating to the status of current medical intelligence, which would indicate specific items, priorities and offer proposals for study and consideration of the committee membership. At the meeting, also, the Chairman presented "Terms of Reference" for the committee to study, as well as specific medical requirements for civilian and military medicine.

On 1 June 1950, Capt. Bachulus submitted his "Notes and Proposals for the Chairman and Members of JMSIC", and these were sent to the members for study.

A third meeting was held on 23 June 1950 at 1400 hours. Terms of Reference for the JMSIC were formally approved. The problem of the need for the preparation of background manuals was recognized, but shortages in staffs of the agencies represented made it difficult to recommend production of such manuals at the present. The Committee recommended that its regular members be assigned from individuals who have, or can be granted, complete security clearance.

Committee Plans for the future cannot be properly formulated at this time, since the JMSIC has only begun to function with all members available.

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