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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit on 2 July to

1. The primary purpose of this visit was to review the proposed project in the area of nonlethal personnel incapacitation and to become acquainted with the personnel and facilities available for prosecution of the research effort. As one might judge from the reputation, the quality of facilities and personnel are outstanding. The writer was given a tour of the [redacted] but did not visit the [redacted] site, which will be available for prototype system tests if required.

2. The [redacted] is remote, secure, and possesses limited laboratory capability, block house for explosive testing, animal quarters, and other specialized equipment which is not relevant to the present project.

3. The individuals assigned prime responsibilities for the incapacitation project have worked extensively on other Agency tasks and have a realistic concept of the requirements for this project. However, considering the breadth of the task, i.e., the probable incapacitating effects of various energy sources on the human (light, sound, impact, electricity, etc.), the project cannot be conducted by any two or three individuals. Rather data and information must be obtained from a great variety of medical and allied scientific disciplines. This diversity of professional talent exists at the [redacted] and will provide technical input to the project. In order to utilize the services of these internal and some external consultants, without the necessity for obtaining security clearances on all of them, [redacted] must be established. It was tentatively agreed that an [redacted] would be that the research is concerned with nonhazardous riot control systems. This matter will be discussed with appropriate Agency security personnel.

4. In addition to personnel assignment, other details of the proposal were discussed. For instance, the cost breakdown is not clear from the proposal submitted. These items included: travel requirements and authorization, fees for consultants, and use of animals. The questions were resolved to the satisfaction of the writer and will be discussed with the cognizant Agency contract negotiator.

5. The immediate action is to: (1) obtain Blue-Book project approval as soon as possible; (2) forward bibliographies and all other available reports collected during the in-house study of incapacitation systems; and (3) after _____ personnel have had sufficient time to review these materials, meet with them to establish a firm experimental program with priorities of effort.