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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Meeting on Project BLUEBIRD held 9 May 1951 at 1600 hours

Present: [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] has been active in the program for several years and is thought to feel that they have materiel and methods ready for field use. The panel, when it becomes familiar with the [REDACTED] background of experimentation, will still have the purpose of exploring the possibilities of long-range research.

2. It will probably be necessary, therefore, to develop short-term projects in which the work done by the [REDACTED] can be further evaluated while concurrently the long-range program is being initiated. This program would cover the many complex physiological problems which are of no immediate concern to the field teams, such as, in the determination of the effects of a drug, why does a person talk, what part of the brain is functioning, etc.

3. The group agreed that as soon as the panel was organized it would be desirable to have [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conduct a briefing. Such a briefing could appropriately take place at [REDACTED] where certain people who have actually conducted experiments would give further details if desired.

4. The major problem is the need for a program. [REDACTED] was directed to start outlining a program which, with the approval of [REDACTED] should be the appropriate basis for conversations between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] near the end of the month.

5. The names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] were suggested as possible members of the project organization. If they should be available and appropriate roles developed, we will proceed with obtaining their services.