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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Animal Programs Review

1. Col. White, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Karamessines, Mr. [redacted] and I met to discuss the future of the animal programs. Mr. Duckett pointed out the concern which John Foster had expressed and indicated the political implications this may have. I reviewed the current status of the three programs very briefly and reinforced the view that the original justification for undertaking these programs three years ago was as valid today as it was then, that the technical objectives have been met on time, and that I was concerned that the operational elements had not had adequate exposure to these programs and therefore could not make a judgment that they had no operational usefulness. Col. White raised the question of a joint DOD/CIA animal program, heavily funded by DOD as an alternative. I indicated that they were already sharing costs on OXYGAS and would shortly take over total funding of KECHEL. I felt that such an arrangement could be worked out but that we would, of course, have less operational and technical control of the program.

2. Mr. Karamessines volunteered to designate a committee of two or three senior DD/P officers who would be available to me for two or three days for a visit to the appropriate sites and to see the demonstrations. He added that this did not include TSD. I told him I had no objection to TSD attending and that indeed [redacted] was the only one who had seen these systems

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in a field environment. After completion of the field demonstrations which are to be undertaken within a month, there will be a follow-on meeting with Col. White.

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