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It is the desire of this office to present certain questions of medical policy to the Advisory Board on Biology and Medicine for their consideration. In view of the extremely important relationship of the medical aspects and health protection to many of the Operation activities, it is imperative to obtain basic medical policy decisions as rapidly as possible. The degree of success which the Commission's program attains may well depend in a large measure on the urgency and seriousness of its medical and biological program.

Accordingly, the following questions are submitted for review and approval with the request that they be transmitted to the Advisory Board on Biology and Medicine for consideration at their next meeting, October 11, 1947.

Dr. Albert H. Holland, Jr., Acting Medical Advisor of the Oak Ridge Directed Operations, will be present in Washington on October 11th and will be available to provide the Board with further information if they so desire.

a. The Biological Research Department at Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, under the technical direction of Dr. Alexander Hollaender, desires to establish a large long-term fundamental biological research program. Many phases of this program are already under way. However, very little so-called "operational" biological research is being conducted, although there still are basic and problems requiring almost immediate answer. Accordingly, it was the opinion of the Medical Board of Review which met last June that basic research of a non-classified nature should be done at the universities, and facilities such as those are available at Clinton Laboratories be utilized for whatever elevated "operational" investigation is necessary. Therefore, it is highly desirable to obtain a clear definition of the type of work which should be conducted at Clinton Laboratories. Specifically, is there justification for a large scale intensive fundamental investigative program on very classified subjects which do not at present directly relate to the many problems which confront the Commission, or should some of this fundamental work be referred entirely to the Commission so that we may use the Clinton facilities to initiate work which could be done elsewhere?

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