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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, SI

SUBJECT : Progress on BLUEBIRD

1. Since the meeting of 24 May 1951 in New York there have been the following meetings (reports in the files):

a. 1 June 1951 - Dr. [redacted] and [redacted] in Montreal.

b. 5, 8, and 11 June 1951 - General meeting of group in Washington.

2. The status of the activities outlined in the memorandum of 13 March 1951 is briefly described below:

OSI a. Appointment of a Coordinator - Finished business.

b. Establishment of a Panel - Dr. [redacted] now has:

(1) Decided on the membership of the Panel.

(2) One member fully processed (his assistant [redacted]).

(3) Obtained expressions of interest from the balance who have a preliminary clearance but will require further processing:

(a) [redacted]

(b) [redacted]

(c) [redacted]

c. Coordination with JAC Agencies.

(1) Navy - fully established through Mr. Albert E. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] (Washington).

(2) Army - The Army designee, Lt. Col. William [redacted] has shown a cooperative interest. He has started to elucidate the Army interest in Blackbird, but has not completed his investigation.

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(3) Air Force [redacted] - Mr. Gould [redacted] has been briefed. He stated General [redacted] has for a long time been interested in conditioning which would block disclosure.

d. Establishment of research projects - yet to be developed.

e. Furnish teams with information as to new techniques - to be developed.

f. Receive reports of field teams - received and filed.

EMG

a. Recruitment - A special committee has been appointed to screen employees and applicants for membership on teams. [redacted] is the Chairman, [redacted] and [redacted] are represented.

b. Trained teams - No new teams have been organized but the personnel is available to form a team to carry out any emergency operation.

[redacted]
a. Supply available qualified personnel - There offices are represented on the committee referred to under EMG (a) above.

b. Work with Interrogation Centers - Apparently the work at these centers has not progressed to the point where trained teams could be fully employed if available.

c. Overseas experimentation - To be developed.

3. Significant briefings.

a. [redacted] was briefed by Bullen on his trip to Montreal and sent him a copy of the report. Copies of the report were also sent to [redacted] and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

b. [redacted] has briefed [redacted] and [redacted] of General Counsel's office.

c. [redacted] and [redacted] briefed Dr. Webster of DDCB.

4. Administrative

a. The possibility of Mr. Fred Muller Clark playing a role in this operation is at present doubtful. His assignment to Mr. Gill, GMRCM is expected.

b. A mobile memo file of all persons connected with the operation has been established in 6/31. Briefing status is given.

5. Substantive

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