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TO : Shields Warren, Director of Biology and Medicine, Washington
FROM : John H. Roberson, Director of Research and Medicine, Oak Ridge
SUBJECT: MOUSE PROGRAM FOR OPERATION GREENHOUSE
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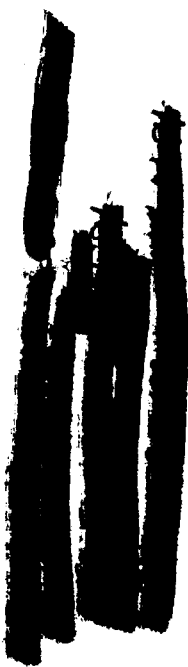
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The attached memorandum concerns the subject program and discussions of December 18 in Oak Ridge. From Dr. McCrady's considerations and conclusion, it might be worthwhile for you to reconsider the desirability of continued observations on the mice as has previously been planned.

During your recent visit to Oak Ridge you indicated that you were considering sending the mice to the ORNL, provided no additional facilities or expansion of personnel were required to carry out the program. We have had a more recent indication from your office that you expect the ORNL to accept the mice and will concur in an expansion of personnel in the Biology Division if required for this purpose.

The following information and considerations may be helpful to you in reaching a final decision:

1. The personnel ceiling for the ORNL Biology Division is 116, determined by Carbide with the concurrence of the Commission at the ORNL Program Review Meeting on April 7, 1950. Present strength is about 100, due to normal attrition and slowness of replacement. It, therefore, is not necessary to request the ORNL to increase the personnel of 116 at the present time, in order that the six additional personnel (three caretakers and three technicians) can be hired. If the ceiling of 116 persons should prevent the replacement of scientific personnel at a future date, we should at that time reconsider the personnel ceiling.
2. Unofficial estimates of operating costs for the project range around \$30,000 per year. This project can be accomplished without revision of the present operating cost ceiling for biological research during FY 1951, and in FY 1952 the work can probably be accomplished within the total cost presented in the FY 1952 budget. Full information on the FY 1952 program costs will be available to you about March 1, 1951, prior to the ORNL program review tentatively set for March 13.
3. There are no estimates available on cost of special equipment and facility alterations. Thus far, the requirements have not been specified, nor has the number of mice been determined. I would suggest that ORO be given the responsibility of providing the facilities needed, and that you agree to provide additional financing, if required.



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We have no definite information as to when the mice will be shipped to Oak Ridge. Your approval should be timed so as to permit recruitment and training of personnel and preparation of a facility prior to arrival of the mice.




John H. Roberson

Enclosure:

Cy memo fm McCrady to Roberson,
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