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ORNL BIOLOGY RESEARCH CONFERENCE FOR 1954

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We have reviewed the proposed program for the Biology Research Conference for 1954. We have also had informal preliminary discussions with Dr. Hollander regarding the seeps of the program and speakers.

We feel that it is very appropriate that the 1954 conference be devoted to the subject of "Genetic Recombination."

Regarding the three proposed speakers who are not American citizens, we see no objection to having them participate in the conference provided travel expenses are paid only within the continential United States, and they are first checked by Security. While these people would not have access to classified information, I believe it would be desirable to have a check made by Security so as to make sure they are not associated with communist front organizations. This should be done prior to inviting them to participate at the conference.

We would recommend approval of the conference for April 1954.

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