MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Insect Repellents, coordinated program

1. The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, meeting in executive session on 22 May 1964, concurred in the recommendation of the Commission on Rickettsial Diseases

THAT THE ARMED FORCES PEST CONTROL BOARD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A FULLY COORDINATED PROGRAM ON REPELLENTS.

A number of repellents have been developed, but they are not used regularly for various reasons among which are undesirable physical properties, effects on plastics, odor which is both objectionable to user and dangerous to the security of a concealed man in combat, temporary action requiring re-application under combat conditions, and toxicity. Promising new agents are few. There is need to screen the many new compounds being synthesized for other purposes each year, for human engineering studies, for analyses of user acceptability factors, and for evaluation of toxicity of new compounds otherwise acceptable.

FOR THE ARMED FORCES EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BOARD:

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