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1. In order to provide a uniform policy by the Army and Navy on the security of matters relating to Biological Warfare, the Joint Research and Development Board has recommended the following policy be adopted:

- (a) Information concerning the existence of, or concerning any details of the National Program on Biological Warfare shall be classified TOP SECRET until downgraded in accordance with the procedure of (b) below.
- (b) The reclassification of information concerning any feature of the program or any product, commodity, or process which may be developed as a result of the program shall be made the subject of a recommendation by the Committee on Biological Warfare to the Joint Research and Development Board for approval and promulgation by the Board.

2. The policy is approved and agencies concerned will be guided by it in their handling of this program. To assist in the implementation of the above policy, the Committee on Biological Warfare has been designated as Committee X.

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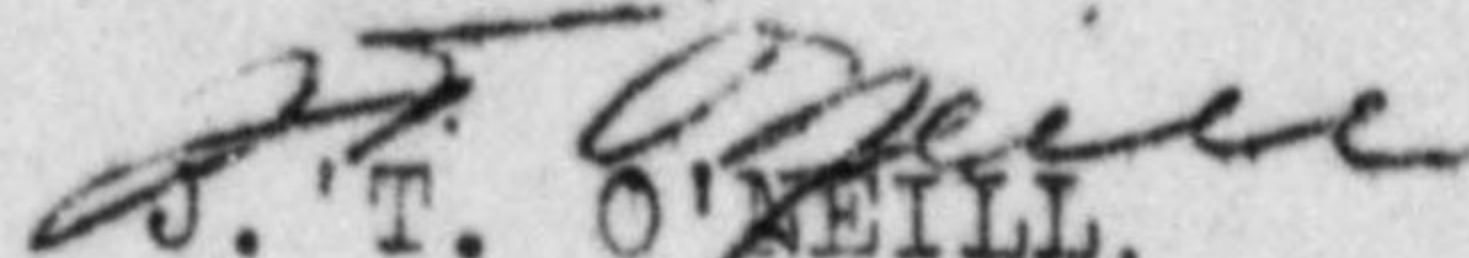
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Honorable Robert P. Patterson
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

Subject: Joint Policy on Security of Information Relating
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Promulgation of the above information to all agencies concerned of the Army and the Navy is requested.

Sincerely yours,

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