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1. AS-22 AS-80 18 Aug 47 Proposed Program for Selected WD Civilian Engineers

1. It is recommended that a program for War Department civilian engineers, as outlined in the inclosed correspondence, be initiated.

2. It is believed that such a program would be very valuable to this Agency, inasmuch as a thorough knowledge of the responsibility and duties of the Research and Development Division would permit a more efficient exchange of communications and ideas.

3. It should also permit a more thorough understanding of concurrent development by other technical agencies, and should encourage more successful liaison with these agencies, with a consequent betterment of our developmental program.

4. While it is very true that the services of the individuals selected would be lost to their respective technical services during the period of their tours, it is considered that the resultant knowledge would more than pay for this loss of time.

5. It is believed advisable that personnel from technical services having allied interests should be permitted to attend these tours concurrently. For example, the Army Security Agency, Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories and the Electronics Division of the Air Materiel Command would be one combination that should prove of value. Not only would knowledge be gained concerning Research and Development Division, but a better knowledge would be gained concerning the activities and programs of the closely related technical services.

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Proposed Program for Selected
WD Civilian Engineers

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Your comments on the attached D/F, subject as above, are requested.

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1. A civilian engineer in a staff position in one of the War Department's Field Research and Development agencies recently inquired whether he might, as a reserve officer, be ordered to active duty in the Research and Development Division, WDGS, for a short period. His expressed reason was that he would like to become more familiar with the organization and policies governing War Department and Research and Development activities and thereby enhance his own value to his Service in his present assignment.

2. This informal inquiry has given rise to some discussion in this Division leading to the following question. Would it be a good idea to establish some sort of program or policy under which selected civilian scientists, engineers, or administrators could be ordered to temporary duty, either on an active duty officer status or as civilians, with this Division of the WDGS?

3. Assuming that the individuals under consideration who could profit most by such a tour would be those assigned to field installations the following considerations are offered:

a. As a practical matter not more than about six could be handled at one time. Space and administrative facilities are limiting factors.

b. Acquaintance and general orientation would take about three weeks and for six individuals would occupy on the average the equivalent of about three full-time members of the Division staff.

c. The accomplishment of any productive work by the individual on temporary duty would require his assignment for an average of one additional month, making the total minimum tour about eight weeks.

4. Possible advantages to be gained:

a. Better personal acquaintance between staff and operating echelons with resulting better mutual understanding of problems.

b. Possible solution of some of the specific Technical Service problems which may require change or clarification of War Department policy.

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c. More efficient operation in the Research and Development Staff echelons of the Technical Services by virtue of better understanding of policy. (Several Technical Services have informally indicated that they nearly always have to re-write papers originating in the field and destined for general staff addressees.)

5. Apparent disadvantages:

a. The services of the key individuals selected would be lost to the Technical Services during the period of their tour with the Research and Development Division.

b. Accommodations and general living conditions in Washington are such that some financial loss to the individuals may be expected.

6. It being understood that any such program as is suggested in Paragraph 2 above would only be carried by complete agreement as to time, personnel, period, etc., between your office and this; your comments are requested. These should include your general reaction to the suggestion plus any specific recommendations as to operating procedures if you feel that the suggestion has merit. Request reply not later than 1 September.

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