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1. Reference is made to letter from your office dated 28 July 1953 subject "Status of GB Program."

2. This headquarters proposes that the procurement of Step I product from industry not be further pursued for the following reasons:

a. Considerable modification work of Step III MSPDW is required before sustained 50% operation can be achieved.

b. Modification of Step I, including possible major redesign, can be accomplished coincident with the required modifications to Step III.

c. Recent inquiries of industry have revealed that there is no substantial capability for the production of Step I material. Industry has consistently indicated an unwillingness to construct facilities for the production of Step I material thru private financing. Considerable interest has been obtained however for construction with government financing. An appreciable period of time must be expected however, for the construction of such facilities.

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5. Specific proposals by this headquarters are summarized as:

a. Take no further action with regard to the procurement of Step I product from industry.

b. Initiate immediate action to effect the recapture of those facilities at Rocky Mountain Arsenal which are currently on lease to the Julius Hyman Company and which will be required to permit the continued production of dichlor.

c. Shortly after initial test operations of MSPDW, confirm the necessity of continuing production of dichlor in the Rocky Mountain Arsenal facility.

d. If prolonged delay in obtaining sustained operation of Site A is encountered, consider the expansion of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Dichlor plant to 20 tons per day.

6. Your concurrence regarding the proposals contained in paragraph 5 above, is requested.

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