



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Chronology of CW Contacts from Swedlow, Inc.

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After the letter off to Tom Mitchell at Edgewood (CSL) early in my employ at Swedlow, there was little pursuit of the CW protection schemes until Roy Liable of Natick called on Sep. 23rd. We discussed the needs of Natick (impermeable gloyes, impermeable clothing and ballistic goggles) noting that my original proposals on impermeable materials from Mellon Institute should have been sent to Natick rather than CSL.

We later arranged a visit to Natick, wherein I gave a brief presentation on plastic armor. There were several discussions of the needs in CW agent protection, including the metallized impermeable polymer concept. Vincent Iaconio was the group leader concerned with the CW protective systems development projects, although several others were involved in the discussions. Iaconio would welcome proposals on chemical resistant gloves and garments, as well as recommendations on the helmet like protector for dismantlers of explosives and shells.

We have maintained contact with Dr. Liable. He is currently evaluating one of our transparent plastic materials for ballistic properties.

We do have a potential local source of information on gas masks. The Sierra Engineering Division of Scott Aviation R&D used to be involved in such programs. We have not pursued this contact until we prioritize the CW efforts along with our other programs.

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