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REPLY TO
ATTN OF SGH

14 March 1980

SUBJECT Project RANCH HAND

TO HQ AFSC/SG

1. Forwarded for your action are the decisions of the Surgeon General.
2. AMD is hereby given approval to proceed in-house with the "RANCH HAND" study. They may contract out any part of this study as appropriate; however, these contracts should not cause any time delays and exceed available funds.
3. AMD should utilize an outside monitor, such as the National Academy of Science, to insure an unbiased evaluation.
4. Physical examinations as part of this study should be done at Brooks AFB, Texas.
5. Payment of a stipend for participation of nonactive personnel is permissible. However, lack of funds for this purpose should not be allowed to delay the study.
6. The study should be conducted so as to relieve the apprehension of loss of flying status for both military and civilian personnel. Flying safety cannot be jeopardized, however, and results of the examination should be made available to each patient's local physician. Active duty former "RANCH HANDS" now on flying status will have their next annual flying physical done as part of this study at Brooks AFB.
7. AFSC and AMD are requested to proceed with this study as rapidly as possible and to avoid any more delays. Please keep the Surgeon General informed of progress.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Murphy A. Chesney", is written over the typed name.

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2 Atch, Subj: Milestones,
Project RANCH HAND II