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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARINE

9 February 1953

SUBJECT: Recommendations of NSASAB in Regard to Deputy Director for Research and Development

1. As Executive Secretary of the Agency's Scientific Advisory Board, I sat with the members for several hours on 5 February in their discussions of the various nominees we had listed as nominees for the position of Deputy Director for Research and Development. This memorandum reports the results thereof.

2. Eighteen nominees were eliminated as unsuitable; the remaining names were classified in three categories in accordance with the Board's estimate of preference. Attached hereto is the complete list showing the names which were eliminated and the categories in which the remaining names were placed.

3. The Board decided to concentrate on Category I at this session and concluded its deliberations by listing the nominees in that category in the order in which they should be approached:

<u>Category I</u>	<u>Order</u>
McKee, Dr. John Alexander	1
Stratton, Dr. Julius Adams	2
Suits, Dr. Chauncey Gay	
Hill, Dr. Albert Gordon	
Wiesner, Prof. Jerome Bert	3

4. Dr. McKee was the unanimous choice for leading candidate, and it was the consensus that if NSA could borrow him for 18 months or two years from the Bell Telephone Laboratories, where he is now Vice President in charge of all development, we would have the very best man in the country for the job. I telephoned Dr. Ralph Pettey this morning to ascertain his personal opinion as to Dr. McKee's qualifications for the job and received a most enthusiastic recommendation. Dr. Pettey thought that we might have a chance of getting Dr. McKee if an approach were made on the highest level. Incidentally, Dr. McKee was not on the list submitted by CIA.

5. You will note that Dr. Stratton and Dr. Suits were tied as possibilities for the next choice of the Board; they could not differentiate between the two of them as to suitability for the job. They therefore put both of them in group 2, after McKee. The same applied to Dr. Hill and Dr. Wiesner, who were third choices.

6. I am collecting biographical information on all five names listed above and shall present the data to you as soon as possible. I have also initiated the necessary requests for ascertaining clearability of these candidates.

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7. The Board recommends the following steps as regards making an approach:

a. Ascertain clearance status or clearability of each of the candidates.

b. If cleared or clearable, invite the candidate to Washington, "show him the works," and try to get him interested sufficiently to want to undertake the job for a year or two.

c. If he proves to be interested, make an approach, on the highest level, to the head of the corporation or institution involved, with a request that the nominee be loaned to us for a period of 18 to 24 months.

d. If we are not successful in getting any of the men in Category I, we will then proceed to study Category II.

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List of names