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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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I met with Congressman Combest

a. I explained my relation with Texas Tech through being Chairman of the Vietnam Center.

b. I described my familiarity with BW as a result of the PFIAB task force and reported my work with Texas Tech's design to bring a BW capability to that University, commenting on my high regard for Chancellor Montford and his team.

c. Congressman Combest indicated that he was an old friend of Chancellor Montford's. Combest stated he was aware of the general interest in Texas Tech, but had not yet seen their plan and expressed an interest in helping.

d. I reported that I would like to meet with Congressman Young once things were a little farther along to get his support. Congressman Combest suggested that we should start with the new chairman of the defense appropriations subcommittee, Congressman Jerry Lewis of California (LA/Palm Springs) and that we should also bring in Congressman Henry Bonilla from Texas who would be helpful.

e. We agreed that I would get a plan to Congressman Combest working through Ryan Henry, his legislative assistant; that I would try to get Secretary Cohen interested in the project through General Jones, his assistant; and that I would also try to get an expression of Presidential interest in the project, but put a low probability of being able to do so.

f. Congressman Combest stressed the importance of all players keeping each other informed. I pledged to do so through Ryan Henry; Congressman Combest stressed the importance of starting with Congressman Lewis and the importance of getting the Defense Department at least not to object to monies being put in for Texas Tech, but preferably to be willing to request it.

g. As a separate subject we talked about the BW problem in Agriculture. Congressman Combest was aware and was concerned and had spoken to Dr. Horne and others in Agriculture and reported their interest rising. (PFIAB had been unimpressed by USDA's interest a year ago.)

Action required by me:

1. Brief Ron Kendall on the meeting when I go.
2. Get a paragraph from Shaun Jones suggesting the specific research that would likeliest win DARPA approval.
3. Send a plan to Congressman Combest.
4. Prepare Senator Rudman to call or go with me to meet with Secretary Cohen after seeking a favorable environment at DARPA.
5. To ascertain Texas Tech's interest in doing agricultural BW as well as human BW and report back to Congressman Combest.