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study instructions. Since Mr. Sorett and others were not acquainted with the DOD study, Colonel Trimble agreed to send the Chairman a copy.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the task group's proposed plan would be recommended to the Administrator of General Services for approval. This is in accordance with the Committee charter. Colonel Trimble stated that the plan could be presented at the May meeting.

5. Chairman's memo of February 6 relative to Senator Gaylord Nelson's inquiry. The Chairman reported that at the request of the Committee he had contacted the Senator's office and his February 6 memo gave the information the Senator was interested in. His interest is confined to drugs. The hearings date has not been finalized. FDA's representative stated they were to appear sometime within the week. Mr. Sorett felt this might be an opportunity to learn specifically the Senator's concern about quality assurance. He suspected that the hearings might come up in April.

The chair commented on OMB's request for a status report from FDA, noting that the scope of medical items had not been defined.