

EXCERPT FROM:

MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING

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Area V

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PROGRAM V

The Behavioral Science Project

Mr. H. Rowan Gaither stated that The Behavioral Science Project shall encompass the whole field of the social sciences, including psychology and psychiatry, and that he believed that the work in this area was primarily long-run in nature and that one of the principal difficulties is finding the type of man with the necessary degree of breadth who could take over leadership in this area. He suggested that the best procedure would be, after determining the individual who would assume responsibility for the project, to surround him with a group of younger promising scientists who, over a period of time, may develop their full potentialities so that they would be available to carry on the work of The Foundation in this area. Several names were suggested as possible candidates for the head-ship of this activity.

Mr. Gaither plans to use Messrs. Marquis and Speier for a period of approximately seven days a month until such time as a permanent director can be obtained.