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The Documents

John Marks donated the MKULTRA files he acquired to the National Security Archives in Washington D.C., where they are available to interested scholars. The majority of these documents have never been made available to the general reader. The present volume reprints a large selection from the available "paper trail" on CIA mind control research. Of course, this selection scarcely exhausts this complex and intriguing topic; we hope one day to present follow-up volumes derived from the documentary record.

The following page-by-page annotations are intended help the reader understand the CIA documents reprinted here. All page numbers mentioned below are derived from the pagination of this volume, not the pagination of the original documents.

1. Although the mind control documents stored at the National Security Archives contain much important and startling information, any researcher intent on making use of this depository should first understand that the majority of released MKULTRA documents are uninformative and uninteresting financial records. This document is typical -- in format, though not as regards the costs involved.

This may be the maddest item ever released via the Freedom of Information Act. One can only hope it was meant as a joke.

2-3. A number of books refer to this document, although it has never (to my knowledge) been publicly reproduced before. As far back as 1949, the CIA sought ways to induce "heart attacks" and other entirely covert means of assassination.

4-18. According to official chronologies, BLUEBIRD was the CIA's first mind control program, instituted in 1950, although we know that the military looked into these matters during the war and after. (We also know that BLUEBIRD was preceded by a CIA program called QKHILLTOP, which dealt with either mind control or chemical-biological warfare.) This document summarizes BLUEBIRD's main areas of concern, and is of particular interest regarding the CIA's involvement with lobotomy (page 14), sound (page 16), and electroshock (page 17-18).

CIA interest in matters of diet (page 17) may bear on the recurrent allegation (to which we shall return) of Agency involvement with certain cults and "fringe" religious groups as a means of perfecting mass mind control techniques. Observers have frequently noted that these groups often make use of restrictive dietary practices.

19. Either an ARTICHOKE or BLUEBIRD document dealing with "the disposal problem." "Disposal" techniques included lobotomy and electroshock.

20-21. More on the disposal problem. Defectors and agents-in-place might not have cooperated with the CIA during the cold war if they knew American intelligence routinely resorted to such tactics.

22-23. A document from Project ARTICHOKE, successor to BLUEBIRD. I have no idea whether the "side-tone" technology described here was further developed.

24-25. Proof that the CIA believed in the efficacy of ESP as far back as 1952 (at least) and conducted experiments designed to tap paranormal abilities for intelligence purposes.

26. This description of narco-hypnotic interrogation makes interesting observations regarding regression and amnesia.

27-29. One of the most important documents reproduced here. Proof that scientists working under Project ARTICHOKE intended to create a programmed assassin, similar to the lead character in *The Manchurian Candidate*.

30-45. These are selected pages from what appears to be an ARTICHOKE handbook, defining key terms and describing various techniques. Of particular note are the sections dealing with electromagnetic fields, flickering lights, and ultrasonics. These "psychotronic" techniques, which the CIA first experimented with during the early 1950s, proved rewarding and became the CIA's most important area of study.

46-50. A fairly interesting internal discussion of ARTICHOKE. Note the Agency's willingness to use pre-frontal lobotomies on experimental subjects that "the Agency was no longer concerned with in the overseas areas on an experimental basis."

51. A fascinating document. The CIA used ARTICHOKE techniques to create "dissension and mutual distrust" within groups targeted by the Agency. Anyone active on the political left has experienced the useless in-fighting and personality disputes which continually hamper anti-Establishment organizations. Are these disputes merely the result of clashing egos and conflicting values -- or are outside manipulators at work?

52. A particularly disturbing document outlining the "disposal problem" posed by two American agents. It seems the penalty for failure, and not getting along with one's superior, was lobotomy. If you know someone attracted by those CIA recruitment ads (which occasionally appear in college newspapers), show him this page before he joins up.

53. ARTICHOKE and MKULTRA scientists worked under cover of the National Institute of Mental Health to conduct LSD research.

54-55. The CIA finds a way to mass-produce LSD, opening new bio-warfare possibilities. Was the counter-culture of the 1960s a target?

56-60. An important sub-project of MKULTRA, the CIA's primary mind control research program. Although names were blacked out of this document, researchers employed by writer John Marks identified the scientist involved with this work as Dr. Louis Jolyon West. West, whose LSD work for the Agency has long been known, became famous -- in some circles notorious -- for his treatment of Jack Ruby: No-one has yet explained why a CIA doctor, then a resident of Oklahoma, was called in to treat the assassin of Lee Harvey Oswald -- especially since Ruby was incarcerated in

Dallas, a city which had no shortage of its own psychiatrists. Ruby died of a fast-moving cancer shortly afterward, claiming that he had been poisoned by his physicians.

In 1973, West – who had moved his operations to UCLA – created quite a stir with his plans to create a "Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence," to be housed at an abandoned Nike missile base in California (probably the one on Mt. Pacifico.) One aspect of West's proposal involved the notion of using electrode implants to control those individuals he considered most likely to commit violent crimes: young, urban blacks.

The document reproduced here is of particular interest because West outlines his ideas on the study of dissociation. In modern terminology, "dissociation" is used to describe the effects of multiple personality disorder, or MPD, which we know was an area of enormous interest to the CIA. We know that MPD results from early childhood trauma or abuse.

Interestingly, West has, in recent years, been involved with child abuse issues, both as a leading spokesman for the Cult Awareness Network and as a researcher studying children involved with the McMartin pre-school molestation case. Dr. West, veteran of the CIA, takes the position that the abuse in that case was real. To complicate matters, Dr. Martin Orne, another long-time CIA veteran, is a founding member of the False Memory Syndrome Foundation, which strongly derides child sexual abuse claims. A number of leading FMS supporters are either connected to Orne (and thus to the CIA) or have (like Dr. Ralph Underwager) voiced approval of pedophilia.

Does Dr. West's involvement with these matters stem from his early CIA studies of dissociation? At this point, we have no way of knowing. Note, though, that doctors treating MPD patients have collected anecdotal reports that their patients have been used by intelligence organizations.

61-62. Note again the early interest in audio-visual brain entrainment technologies.

63. One MKULTRA sub-project sought ways to create the perfect blackjack.

64. MKULTRA Sub-project 55, devoted to drug experimentation.

65-67. MKULTRA sleep research. Note that the "Memorandum For: The Record" outlining the broad goals of this Sub-project, glides over the more disturbing "K" (knockout) research described in the accompanying document.

68. MKULTRA Sub-project 61 studied the effects of extreme stress on human behavior. Were the subjects of these experiments witting? (Probably not.) Did they experience permanent damage? (Probably.) And just what were those "implanted thermistors"?

69. The notorious Dr. Ewen Cameron, of Canada's Allan Memorial Institute, developed his techniques of "psychic driving" pursuant to MKULTRA Sub-project 68. Basically, this technique involved the incarceration of innocent psychiatric patients (many of whom initially had minor complaints), subjecting them to massive doses of LSD and other drugs, then forcing them to listen to repeated messages for extended periods – hours, days, weeks. The intention was to clear out the old personality and allow Dr. Cameron to install new thoughts and behavior. CIA Director Allan Dulles wanted to subject his own wife to "psychic driving" when she complained too frequently about his numerous extra-marital affairs.

70-72. More on the "Knockout" problem.

73. A page from an ARTICHOKE document which highlights of intriguing notion of "electro-narcosis." Does the CIA have machines which can induce an altered state of consciousness (or unconsciousness) remotely?

74. MKULTRA Sub-project 75. Initially, LSD was considered a "psychotomimetic" drug.

75-78. One of the most important MKULTRA Sub-projects studied the use of brain implants. While the memos for "The Record" speak of animal experiments, we have one page from a research proposal which clearly indicates that human beings are the true target of these studies. One of the most important scientists studying electrode implants at this time was Dr. Jose Delgado.

79-83. Although these pages are particularly difficult to read, they touch on an extremely fascinating subject. For many years, some writers and researchers – such as frequent lecturer John Judge – have maintained that the CIA has used certain religious cults to conduct mind control experiments within a "closed" society of a manageable size. Judge makes a convincing case that Jim Jones' "Peoples Temple" was used in this fashion. The MKULTRA files compiled by John Marks indicate that one Sub-project did study cults, although no documentation describing these studies were released. But the "mass conversion" studies outlined here definitely touch on religious organizations. The available documentation from Sub-project 98 definitely proves that the CIA was interested in altering belief systems *en mass*. Those interested in pursuing the Jonestown research should pay careful attention to page 83, which mentions "forced detainment" and geographical relocation.

84. Further studies in visual brain entrainment.

85-87. A fascinating sub-project, about which I wish we knew more. Apparently, the CIA studied groups of children and tracked them over a period of years. But why? And just what do the Agency's scientists mean by such terms as "Indirect Assessment" and "non-verbal communication"?

88-90. Mapping the brain with electrode implants; a companion study to Sub-project 94. "Guided animal" studies could involve the use of, say, dolphins in covert warfare – as illustrated by the movie *Day of the Dolphin*, based on the work of real-life scientist John Lilly, who once worked for the CIA.

91. This document from MKULTRA Sub-project 112 details the Agency's continuing interest in the development of young children. Why would a spy agency fund research in this field? Although the "paper trail" on Sub-project 112 is sparse, I suspect that still-hidden files contain pages not quite as innocuous as the one reproduced here.

92. Drug and chemical studies. I would like to know more about the chemical called I-4, "of outstanding usefulness in certain covert harassment and sabotage operations."

93-95. In the 1960s, the CIA started to move away from drug experiments and concentrated on research into bio-electronics. Note especially the reference to "activation of human behavior by remote means."

96. CIA interest in the neurochemistry of stress.

97. Standard texts on hypnosis hold that hypnosis cannot be induced rapidly (except after repeated sessions with highly suggestible subjects). The CIA thought otherwise. Note the reference to "real operational settings": These studies took place outside the laboratory, and therefore probably involved unwitting subjects.

98. Allen Dulles writes a "cover-your-ass" letter for the Record, possibly as a result of the LSD experiment which resulted in the death of Frank Olsen. Gottlieb continued to work for the Agency for many years to come, of course. Memos like this had to be put on the record in case an outsider (such as the Inspector General) demanded a look at the paper trail.

99. The CIA experimented on human beings under the cover of "open" scientific research at a number of universities. MKDELTA is another mind control/biological warfare research program; comparatively little is known about it.

100-101. The CIA's search for unusual new drugs led them to quite exotic areas of exploration.

102-103. Highly suggestive references to the use of mind control during interrogations in Vietnam. I wish we had more information about the techniques mentioned here.

104-106. Richard Helms, the CIA's covert action chief (and the man directly in charge of MKULTRA) defends the notion of experimenting on unwitting human beings, in violation of the Nuremberg principles. Incidentally, this document confirms the Agency's ties to various American police departments.

107. The CIA worked with the military on chemical-biological warfare programs at Fort Detrick.

108-110. The Inspector General (IG) is an individual selected by the president and approved by congress, who performs for the CIA functions similar to those provided by a police department's Internal Affairs division. The IG is not as adversarial as, say, a congressional investigation. But clearly, the Inspector General tapped by JFK caused quite a stir within the CIA after looking into MKULTRA. That project ended, although a number of Sub-projects continued under the MKSEARCH cryptonym. In this document, Richard Helms neglects to mention that the CIA shifted its mind control research from the Technical Services Division to the Office of Research and Development. The ORD files, which we know to be voluminous, have never been revealed.

111-120. These appear to be the research notes compiled after interviews conducted in 1975 by an investigator for the Inspector General's office. The interviews focus on MKNAOMI, a chemical/biological warfare project which also overlapped the areas studied by MKULTRA. In these interviews, we learn more about the highly poisonous shellfish toxin with which the CIA intended to kill Fidel Castro. Note the comment on page 119 that the interests of the Army Special Forces (a.k.a. the Green Berets) "included a number of weird things, definitely among which was assassination." Note also the emphasis on avoiding written records of the most sensitive operations.

121. The Inspector General comments on Harold Bauer, killed by Army drug experiments with EA (Experimental Agent) 1298. I don't know if this drug has a more common name.

122-126. A summary of the Inspector General's 1975 investigation of MKULTRA and MKNAOMI. This document references the suspicious disappearance of all drug-related MKULTRA files: "The fact remains, however, that the material is missing with no satisfactory explanation." Congress was later told that Richard Helms burned these files. Nevertheless, a number of MKULTRA files (including drug-related documents) turned up in the CIA's financial offices; the documents reproduced here come from the cache discovered there.

I view this whole series of events with grave suspicion. For one thing, I strongly doubt that Helms ever truly burned the MKULTRA files. The later release of records from the financial office is also dubious, since these documents include a number of pages other than financial records. It is more than likely that this whole tale of a cache of documents found in the CIA's financial office constitutes nothing but a cover story. Although the documents given to congress (and, in part, reprinted here) are sometimes startling, they probably represent a "limited hang-out" designed to satiate congressional investigators with a bowdlerized history of CIA mind control research. The worst has been kept hidden from us.

British researcher Armen Vitorian claims that the CIA has recently made available some of the files previously reported "burned." Perhaps the true story of mind control can be told in the future.

18 June 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Return of Funds under MKULTRA
Subproject 57, Allotment 6-2502-10-001

1. It is hereby noted that \$.05 cash obtained under Project MKULTRA, Subproject 57, is being returned to Finance.

2. It is requested that Finance credit the above account for the indicated \$.05 cash. This represents the balance of the Petty Cash Fund-existing at Mr. [redacted]'s office.

[redacted]
TSS/Chemical Division

Attachment:
\$.05

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of cash in the amount of \$.05.

[redacted]
TSS/FASB

Distribution:
Orig & 2 - TSS/CD
2 - Finance
1 - TSS/FASB

TSS/CD: [redacted] (18 June 1957)

[redacted]

November 29, 1949

Dear Bill:

I regret taking so long to supply you with my thoughts on the problem which you raised when I saw you last. Rather than attempt to organize a logical outline of all of the means by which the type of activity you mentioned might be accomplished, I am simply setting down the means that I think might be most efficacious.

You will recall that I mentioned that the local circumstance under which a given means might be used might suggest the technique to be used in that case. I think that gross divisions in presenting this subject might be (1) bodies left with no hope of the cause of death being determined by the most complete autopsy and chemical examination, (2) bodies left in such circumstances as to simulate accidental death, (3) bodies left in such circumstances as to simulate suicidal death, and (4) bodies left with residues that simulate those caused by natural diseases.

I believe that there are two chemical substances which would be most useful in that they would leave no characteristic pathologic findings, and the quantities needed could easily be transported to the places where they were to be used. One of these, sodium fluoacetate, when ingested in sufficient quantities to cause death does not cause characteristic pathologic lesions nor does it increase the amount of fluorine in the body to such a degree that it can be detected by quantitative methods. The other chemical substance which I have in mind is tetraethyl lead which, as you know, could be dropped on the skin in very small quantities, producing no local lesion, and after a quick death no specific pathologic evidences of the tetraethyl lead would be present.

If an individual could be put into a relatively tightly sealed small room with a block of CO₂ ice, it is highly

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probable that his death would result and that there would be no chances of the circumstances being detected. It is highly probable, though, that there would be a period of hyperactivity in the course of such a death.

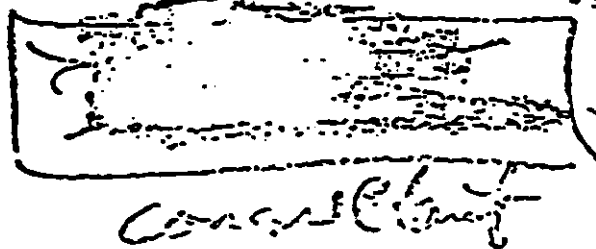
Another possibility would be the exposure of the entire individual to X-ray. When the whole body is exposed, a relatively small amount of radiation is sufficient to produce effects that would lead to death within a few weeks, and it is highly probable that sporadic deaths of this kind would be considered as due to blood dyscrasias. *As little as 200r could*

If it were possible to subject the individual to a cold environment, he would freeze to death when his body temperature reached around 70°, and there is no anatomic lesion that is diagnostic in such cases.

There are two other techniques which I believe should be mentioned since they require no special equipment besides a strong arm and the will to do such a job. These would be either to smother the victim with a pillow or to strangle him with a wide piece of cloth, such as a bath towel. In such cases, there is no specific anatomic change to indicate the cause of death, though there may be serosal petechiae and marked visceral congestion which would suggest strangulation along with some other possibilities.

I hope you will forgive the random way in which I have set these things down, and I am sure that there are many exotic alkaloids and other chemical substances which might be used, but of which I am sure you have as much information available (or intrinsic knowledge) as I have. If I can be of any further aid to you, I hope you will call on me.

Sincerely yours,



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EVALUATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF'S CONTRIBUTION TO BLUEBIRD

EVALUATION OF BLUEBIRD POTENTIAL BY THE MEDICAL STAFF

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In view of the fact that with the exception of the few days spent with Bluebird by [redacted], no medical officer was assigned to the Bluebird staff until mid-January 1952 when [redacted] was designated by [redacted] to assist Bluebird from a medical point of view, an evaluation of the contribution of the medical staff to Bluebird is impossible at this time. By the same token, it would be impossible for the medical staff to make any kind of evaluation of real merit whatsoever of the work done to date by the Bluebird staff and certainly to a lesser extent to the work done by OSI in this connection.

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Irrespective of any evaluation whatsoever that the medical staff may place on the Bluebird work, it is the writer's emphatic opinion that this work requires an extensive exploration of the entire medical field by competent medical authority. A survey of the literature in this connection reveals that a great deal of work along Bluebird lines is being done by psychiatrists and psychologists all over the United States and elsewhere and according to much of the literature, many remarkable results are obtained. These results are, in a great many instances, directly applicable to the Bluebird problem. Basically, we know that the Iron Curtain "experts" have achieved amazing results (Moscow Purge Trials, 1936, 1937 - [redacted] etc.) and any negative answer or withdrawal of medical support would not be, in the opinion of the writer, in the best interests of the Agency or the United States Government for that matter. From a medical point of view, there is much to be done and the medical staff should be authorized to comb the country for answers to the medical staff's problems involved. The medical staff should seek out and determine the latest and most improved techniques, the finest instruments, and the latest medical theories in these matters, and a failure to do this may constitute a very grave error.

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Since OSI may have done some of this searching or may be in the process, the medical work should, of course, be "co-ordinated" through [redacted]

2. EVALUATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL ON BLUEBIRD

In the writer's opinion, the intelligence collected to date on Bluebird material, either from behind the Iron Curtain or else-

where, is extremely poor. In general, it is the writer's opinion that where there is a great deal of intelligence information, particularly along interrogation lines, there should be some information concerning Bluebird or similar techniques as used by the Soviets and their satellites and other countries. The information, however, that has been received is second or third hand, rumors, unsupported statements, and non-factual. Along these lines, it should be noted that this office has received practically no intelligence information whatsoever to date from OSI and it is obvious that certain conclusions may be drawn from this, i.e.

- A) Material and intelligence are being withheld from us deliberately.
- B) All projects, sources, or individuals that are being tapped for information are failures or not advanced far enough to produce concrete results.
- C) OSI has not spread its net wide enough.

As stated above, pure intelligence along these lines obtained from all sources is regarded by the writer as being very, very weak. Particularly it is noted that there are no large survey reports on d.p.s. (particularly scientific men who might have knowledge of Bluebird-type activities) and it appears obvious that this should be done if it has not been done to date.

3. EVALUATION OF THE WORK OF CHEMISTS, BIOCHEMISTS, ETC. IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE ALONG BLUEBIRD LINES

This question is related to No. 2 above and the same answers obtained in No. 2 apply here. To date, we have received very little information from scientific sources in this matter. It is obvious that in the United States alone there are innumerable private, educational, industrial, and commercial sources that have considerable information along these lines. There are a great many scientists in the United States who work in fields related to Bluebird and OSI or some designated staff of this Agency should tap every one of these sources for information.

It also seems obvious to the writer that the great chemical firms such as MERCK, JOHNSON and JOHNSON, DUNLOP, MONSANTO, DOW,

etc. etc. would have men whose information would be of value to us. By the same token, the BELL LABORATORIES, GENERAL ELECTRIC, WESTINGHOUSE, etc. must have valuable information in electronics, sound etc.

4. EVALUATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF OSI IN GENERAL TO BLUEBIRD

While the writer obviously does not know of all the efforts of OSI to obtain information in these fields, for a matter of record, it should be noted that to date, 29 January 1952, OSI has not given this office one valuable, new, usable paper, suggestion, drug, instrument, technique, name of an individual, etc., etc.

5. VARIOUS PANELS PROPOSED AND WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE OR IN THE FUTURE

The original panel as proposed and set up by OSI apparently died at birth. As far as the writer has been able to determine, the panel has never even been assembled in part and apparently has accomplished nothing.

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At a recent informal conference [redacted] of [redacted] re-proposed the same panel idea -- that is, that a panel of top-flight men be lined up and brought to a given point at a given time, be briefed on the Bluebird problem, and then given a series of questions, suppositions, ideas, etc., in writing, which they could then take to their various homes or places of business and study them and come up with any thoughts that they might have that would be of value to Bluebird. In the writer's opinion, this idea is sound, although it is an old one, but it would have to be laid on by proper authorities with considerable spade work in advance. It might be a sort of advanced seminar type of get-together.

It is the writer's opinion that within the Agency alone, either as consultants or as full-time employees of the Agency, there are a great many men who would come up with refreshing and sensible ideas regarding Bluebird if given a proper briefing in this matter. It is certain that these individuals would know many individuals whom they could recommend for consultation.

In this connection, it should be an absolute rule that if a group such as suggested above is ever assembled, each individual present should be requested to submit the names of individuals that are known by them who could possibly contribute knowledge or assistance to this work. These names obtained could be cross checked and if subsequently determined that their information would in fact be valuable, Security or OSI could line them up as consultants and they could be used in this work.

6. ESSENTIAL WORK TO BE DONE IN HYPNOSIS

The writer is quite aware that there are some highly competent experts in this field, medical men and otherwise. The writer contemplates visiting as many of these individuals as can be arranged from a security point of view as soon as possible. This office is continuing its experiments along these lines and hopes to obtain new volunteer assistance in the immediate future and in addition also hopes to obtain permission to conduct hypnotic experiments extending over long distances and involving complex set-ups.

The work to date, in the opinion of the writer, is encouraging with a number of interesting results obtained, at least from a physical point of view. Obviously, continued research and experimentation is in order along these lines and will be continued by this office.

7. THE PROBLEM OF THE LONG-RANGE RESEARCH AS OPPOSED TO IMMEDIATE ACTION ON CASES

It is obvious that both long-range research and preparation for the handling of operational cases as they arrive must be carried on at the same time. It has been long known to the writer and certainly must be known to everyone interested in this work that the finding of a "wonder" drug or new uses for old drugs or techniques will only come as the result of slow, laborious, painstaking research conducted in properly equipped laboratories and carried out by highly skilled men of science. This will cost large sums of money and will take a considerable amount of time before any concrete results can be achieved. In the writer's

opinion, however, it is absolutely essential that this Agency support this type of research, directly or indirectly, and give aid and encouragement wherever possible to other agencies or individuals working along these lines.

By the same token, the Bluebird team must have the best present knowledge available to apply to actual operational cases when they arise. To date, the writer has been unable to find "new" information on techniques or administration of drugs to be used nor have we received any information on "new" drugs or techniques from OSI. It, therefore, should be understood that at the present time, if the Bluebird team has to handle any given case they will use their best present knowledge and weapons which are such drugs as sodium amytal, sodium pentothal, etc. With an effort made at the time of drug administration to gain hypnotic control of the subject.

While we have heard of various agencies and individuals who are making "remarkable" progress along "new lines" (such as lysergic acids, etc.), there is no indication that these techniques or new drugs are in any shape to be used against a given case at the present. As stated above, if these new techniques and drugs are usable, this office has not received any such information to date.

B. WHY HAVEN'T TOP-LEVEL PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS BEEN INTERVIEWED TO DATE?

In the United States there are a number of important hospitals, clinics, etc. where hypno and narco-analysis are constantly being used apparently with excellent results. Certain places are immediately called to mind such as [redacted] etc., etc.

In addition to the hospitals and clinics that are using hypno and narco-analysis, there are, in the United States, a number of top-level psychiatrists and clinical psychologists who have done a great deal of research and practical work along these lines. Such men as [redacted] etc. should be personally interviewed and their work should be analyzed and studied from a Bluebird point of view. If the above named institutions and/or individuals have been covered by OSI, this office has not heard of it.

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9. WHY HASN'T THIS OFFICE BEEN FURNISHED PROGRESS REPORTS OR STUDIES FROM CERTAIN LARGE PROJECTS IN WHICH WE HAVE A DECIDED INTEREST?

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This office has repeatedly requested a check to interview [redacted] who is in charge of the [redacted]. Although [redacted] has been in town numerous times, we have had no opportunity of talking with him, nor have we seen any written material from this Project. It should be noted [redacted] for the [redacted] [redacted] in a recent conference between [redacted] [redacted] indicated that he had made arrangements [redacted] made along lines of interest to this office relative to [redacted]

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Also, for a matter of record, it should be noted that we have received via [redacted] only one report out of [redacted] which is dated 1949 and is a short, useless, inconclusive report on mescaline. There may be other reports from [redacted] but we have as yet to see them, although [redacted] stated that [redacted] had abandoned working with the barbiturates and he hinted that they were working with "advanced" drugs. What we would like to know is, if [redacted] has abandoned working on the barbiturates for new material,

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- 1) What are the new materials?
- 2) Have they developed any new techniques?
- 3) Why did they abandon the barbiturates?
- 4) And since it appears obvious that some reports would have been written concerning these items, why haven't we seen them?

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[redacted] has informed us that [redacted] (who is working for [redacted]) has made remarkable discoveries on certain properties of the lysergic acid groups. Since this office has long known of the lysergic acid groups and has had an interest in their reactions, [redacted] reports (if any are available) would be of considerable interest.

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10. IN VIEW OF OUR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FIJILT OPERATIONS, THE MAINTENANCE
THE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] RECENT TRIP, IT IS FELT THAT CON-
SIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE BRIEFING OF ALL OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS,
HEADS OF MISSIONS, AND CHIEF AGENTS RELATIVE BLUEBIRD AND RELATED

It is the opinion of the writer that operational officials,
heads of missions, chief agents, etc. should be briefed on Blue-
bird along the following lines:

- A) Have all agents maintain a constant watch for intelligence, mechanical gadgets or devices, medical reports, photographs, etc. on Bluebird-type activity by Iron Curtain countries and by any country in which they are working.
- B) Where possible, drugs should be collected, (particularly new or unusual-type drugs), unusual gadgets, electronic devices including electric medical instruments, shock inducing machines, etc., pictures or descriptive literature of any of these items and rumors of new or unusual activities in this type of work.
- C) All operational cases and certainly important cases should be examined with a view towards the use of Bluebird techniques. It should be clearly explained to our people that Bluebird should not necessarily be applied as a last resort, but can be applied anywhere along the line in working a case.
- D) Our people should be instructed to be on a constant watch for unusual activities, strange personality changes, peculiarities, etc. that suddenly appear among our own people or people in whom we have an interest.
- E) All overseas employees or individuals connected with any of our activities in foreign countries (particularly near the Iron Curtain or in dangerous areas) should be warned against any type of hospitalization, medical attention, psychiatry treatment, etc. except by fully authorized and trusted institutions and doctors.

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It is the writer's understanding that efforts have been made by [REDACTED] and/or possibly others to obtain scientific information from [REDACTED] relative Bluebird-type activities and techniques. It is also my understanding that these attempts have not been fruitful. Certainly this office has received no information from [REDACTED] or any channels in relation to this work.

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It is obvious that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and elsewhere would receive information along Bluebird lines. While the writer is not aware of any use of Bluebird techniques by [REDACTED] it seems obvious that [REDACTED] would have studied and probably experimented with Bluebird-type techniques, etc.

It is suggested that since OSI has not produced information along these lines, that I & SO could probably through their close working association with [REDACTED] set up an informal conference between Security officers, Bluebird team officers, and [REDACTED] to consider these matters.

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[REDACTED] informed the writer that [REDACTED] works very closely with [REDACTED] and is capable of obtaining from them all necessary information and drugs as needed.

To date, this office has received no information whatsoever that would indicate that [REDACTED] or OSI for that matter has received information of any type from [REDACTED].

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It seems very obvious to the writer that [REDACTED] would have produced written reports on all types of drugs, drug sources, drug uses, etc., etc. While this material may contain nothing new, it nevertheless would probably be very authoritative material for our study, analysis, and use.

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This proposal has been brought to the attention of [REDACTED] by the writer orally on several occasions.