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1. The Problem.

The use of methods, other than conventional psychological interrogation by enemy nations gives them an advantage which is a serious problem to our national security.

2. Action to be Initiated for its Solution.

Establishment of a special research program utilizing available facilities and backed up by operational personnel for testing hypotheses under field conditions.

3. Essential Elements of this Program.**a. Establishment of known facts:**

(1) Physiological research leading to a better understanding of the constituent factors in human behavior.

(2) Physiological and pharmacological research leading to better understanding of the action or effectiveness of various agents used in connection with efforts to control human behavior.

(3) Confirmatory evidence of use by the enemy of special techniques for extracting information or otherwise exerting control over an individual.

(4) Methods which have been used or may be used by the enemy to obtain true or false confessions, or to obtain intelligence by breaking the will of the interrogatee. This will include:

(a) Interrogation under narcosis

(b) Subconscious isolation

(c) Shock techniques

(d) Use of ultrasonics and sonics

(e) Other

b. The development of methods for detection of techniques applied by the enemy.

c. The development of means to combat the use of these methods against personnel, including:

(1) Provision for preventive measures against use.

(2) Treatment of the effects of applied techniques.

d. Finding of safe new methods and improving of known techniques for testing the loyalty of, extracting information from or otherwise exerting control over:

(1) Presumably friendly personnel:

(a) Agents

(b) Employees

(c) Defectors

(d) Recovered personnel

(e) Guerrillas

(f) Others

(2) Presumably unfriendly:

(a) P.O.W.'s

(b) Enemy Agents

(c) Others

e. Development of devices to aid in the use of the system in the following phases:

(1) Detection of deception

(2) Inducing control

(3) Compiling and evaluating results

f. Recruitment and training of personnel for research and operational phases of program.

(1) Field

(2) Operational groups

(3) Compiling and evaluating units

