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SUBJECT : Transmittal of Scientific Intelligence Memorandum

1. Our studies of unconventional warfare have included for some time the potential agent, Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD), which appears to be better adapted than known drugs to both interrogation of prisoners and use against troops or civilians. The Soviet Bloc has the necessary supplies of ergot from which to synthesize this drug. Moreover, the Bloc is presumably in full possession of the pertinent information on it since it is commercially available and open literature carries full accounts of experimental use.

2. Because we feel that the matter may be of concern to you, we are forwarding the attached Scientific Intelligence Memorandum, which discusses briefly the intelligence implications of LSD. O/SI has in production a detailed study on this drug that summarizes the literature on the subject, recounts the results of medical experimentation with it, and deals with its possible synthesis and production. This study, "Strategic Medical Significance of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)", will soon be available to those who have a paramount interest in the subject.

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