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ORGANIZATION OF A SPECIAL DEFENSE INTERROGATION PROGRAM

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. [Solution of this problem excludes the use of duress as:

- a. It is an action out of keeping with the traditions of the country.
- b. Its results are unreliable or at least not as effective as those obtained from properly supplemented psychoanalytical techniques.]

2. Action to be Initiated for its Solution.

Establishment of a special research program (coordinated on a high level with other research programs 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 existing control over an individual.
- (4) The evaluation of methods which have been used or may be used by the enemy to obtain true or false confessions, or 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 the U.S. including:

- (1) Provision for preventive measures against suspected use.
- (2) Treatment of the effects of applied techniques.

d. Devising 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) Guerillas
- (f) Others

(2) Presumably unfriendly:

- (a) P.O.W.'s
- (b) Enemy agents
- (c) Others

e. Development of devices to aid in the operation for:

- (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) Panel
- (2) Operation
- (3) Compiling and evaluating unit (Support Staff)