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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

1. _____, early in May, wrote to the writer and stated he had some information he wished to discuss with the writer along lines of interest. The writer told him he would be glad to talk to him and if he thought he could talk on the telephone to call the writer at the writer's expense. _____ stated he had attended the AFA convention at Atlantic City and had recently had talks with _____, NIH, and _____ of the U.S.P.H.S., Lexington, Kentucky, concerning Bufotenin. _____ stated both _____ and _____ told him they had experimented with Bufotenin and it did not produce the effects of the snuff that the natives of Haiti used (Cohoba). Neither _____ nor _____ explained why it was not producing the results and stated the seeds were not prepared or roasted properly at the natives did them. He stated he had recently seen a friend of his, _____, who lived in Haiti. He stated he talked the matter over with him and he invited him to Haiti. This friend is friendly with the witchdoctors or natives who make the Cohoba snuff and was certain if _____ came down he could talk to the natives and find out how the snuff was made.

2. The writer then asked _____ exactly what he felt the writer should do about it and stated if the writer or the Agency would pay his way to Haiti he would be very happy to make an investigation in the matter and believed that this should be successful. The writer informed _____ that he had no funds for such an experiment and he would take the matter up with others in the Agency who would have such funds. The writer then asked if _____ had heard anything about the FHS forms he had filed with the Agency and _____ replied in the negative.

3. On 18 May 1955, the writer called _____ and informed him of the above. _____ stated apparently _____ had made the offer to certain other officials of the Agency and the matter would be taken up when _____ clearance was through.

18 May 1955
