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My Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I wish to thank you for your consideration and interest in the matters we discussed with you a week ago Wednesday. The problems are unusual and unique, and as we mentioned to you they have caused us to reverse and change our thinking in many ways. We thought that we would set out for your consideration again the basic problems that concern us and let you consider these matters in whatever free time you can spare. We know you are very busy, but we also know that a challenge like this to a man of your training and ability is difficult to resist. Set out below are merely a series of headings. Some of the details we discussed with you at our last meeting and we hope in the near future we can go over these matters again with you. Any ideas you may have or even random thoughts, we know would be most valuable.

1. The production of amnesia which could be regularly and successfully produced is of extreme importance.
2. Indirect, secret or concealed induction methods are always of interest.
3. Mechanical, visual, or auditory stimulation that will produce H or any suggestible state would be most interesting as far as we are concerned. The names of any experimenters in this field and their experiments no matter how weird, inconclusive or unusual are of interest.
4. The use of any drugs, chemicals, gases or aerosols that could be or have been used as a trigger in this work are of interest.
5. Long range or extremely complex problems in post-hypnotic control are of interest.
6. Any ideas concerning the use of H or suggestion by orators to audiences of various sizes are regarded as important, particularly tricks of oratory, voice level studies, lighting effects, stage effects (or stage dressing).
7. The question of the use of olfactory stimulation by incense, perfume or other types of odors as an

adjunct to H or suggestion is of interest.

8. Any knowledge which you may have of large audiences being affected by moving pictures, television broadcasts, etc. would be appreciated.
9. The possibility of developing a speaking technique before large audiences which would include mannerisms designed to heighten group susceptibility.
10. Any knowledge of experiments involving the classic theory that a person under H will not act against their religious background, training education, etc. is of interest to us.
11. Any ideas of experiments which would tend to prove some of the above or would seem too dangerous, too shocking, too "unusual" for routine testing would be of interest to us.
12. Any knowledge that you may have of the induction of H by force such as the carotid artery technique or induction following shock or trauma interests us.

We grant that the above list is long and that any item individually could well deserve a Ph.D. thesis but we feel with your background and your long connection with this work any comments or ideas you may have should be very valuable.

[REDACTED] and I are looking forward to talking with you again. This probably will not be until after the New Year, but whenever it is we will call you in advance so that arrangements can be made at your convenience. Perhaps next time we can have dinner and go to some area more secure than your office at Rutgers. A

Let me again remind you, although I know it is not necessary, that the matters we are discussing are most sensitive and are very highly classified. If you wish to keep the list of subjects for consideration, cut them out of the letter and destroy the rest. Again let me say that we have greatly appreciated your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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