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1 May 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY CHIEF, [REDACTED] G

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors

REFERENCES: (a) Memo fr Acting Chief, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], dtd 7 Mar 1951; Subj: Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors of all Categories. [REDACTED] H

H (b) Memo [REDACTED] fr [REDACTED] Consultant, A [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dtd 20 Mar. 1951; Subj: Comments on memo by [REDACTED] Acting A Chief, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated 7 March 1951. [REDACTED] G

1. On 1 May 1961, Mr. [REDACTED] and the undersigned discussed these matters with [REDACTED] C/I

2. The action called for in Paragraph 5 of Reference (b) was resolved during this discussion; namely,

a. Chemical nature of the amnesia-inducing drugs. They would be substituted [REDACTED] They are not reported in the literature. [REDACTED] C/I

b. Physiological effects: In animal studies, it was found that 150 milligrams per kilogram of body weight is fatal 50% of the time. Total dosage to [REDACTED] is only about 150 milligrams; i.e., about 70 times less than the lethal dosage. However, on one occasion, a person administered twice this amount (300mg.) developed temporary amnesia and drowsiness, a condition which lasted about 24 hours. I

c. Manufacturer: [REDACTED] is producing 200 grams of the parent substance. B

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List cost

H SENSITIVE [REDACTED]

List cost is [REDACTED], but it will be available to us for [REDACTED]. This material would serve as the immediate starting material for synthesizing related compounds by alkylation, acetylation, carboxylation, etc.

B/I

d. Clinical evidence: None excepting that intimated in Item 3b above, from observation on [REDACTED]

C/I

3. It is the opinion of the undersigned that this is a unique opportunity to carry on a sterile research program which is a gamble, but a worthwhile one. The physiological effects cannot be tried out on animals; it can only be carried out without arousing suspicion by using those [REDACTED] some well qualified to carry on this work.

C/I

4. It is entirely possible that this project might fail in providing any drug which could induce amnesia for such long periods of time as the 18 months required in Reference (b), but it is also entirely likely that drugs may be found which will induce amnesia for a period of some days or weeks, and as such may find use for short-term disposal of maximum custody type defectors.

C/I

The chemical synthesis would probably be carried out at [REDACTED] by a chemist already synthesizing similar compounds for [REDACTED]. Also, it would seem desirable

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so as to make two chemists available for speeding up the research. However, it is not desirable to synthesize a great number of derivatives, but rather to keep the preparation of a few of these compounds in phase with the clinical tests on them.

5. Recommendations:

C/I

Consultant

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[REDACTED] A.

cc: [REDACTED] - Cy 1 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Registry - ex-a Cy 3
[REDACTED] Chrono - ex-a Cy 2

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