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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] G

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] - Implementation Program H

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1. It is suggested that since several elements of the Agency are involved in the [REDACTED] dual program of laboratory-field experimentation, a firm work program might well be advanced by the [REDACTED] Staff. TSD, as you know, is most insistent on the point that, although they will assume full responsibility for guidance of laboratory experimentation, they count on [REDACTED] Staff operations guidance on field experimentation. G

2. Although several cases in several areas of the world exist which might profitably be explored through this technique, we have borne in mind the following factors affecting the immediate useability of the operator:

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A. Most, if not all, of the operator's prior experience with [REDACTED] has been with [REDACTED].

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B. The only foreign language in which the operator has equivalent native fluency is [REDACTED], more particularly [REDACTED]. F/I

C. Despite the over-all sensitivity of the [REDACTED] program, the rather extensive screening of physical types of marginal intelligence significance has probably left them with a pool of essentially low-level, low sensitivity rejections. This could be a useful vineyard for our first labors. H

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D. As you have suggested, whatever we do in the [REDACTED] field should be, in view of the urgency of

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their task, a service to them rather than an arbitrary use of their facilities for experimentation.

F/I 3. In order, therefore, to make the first experiments on [redacted] or at least on [redacted] without intruding on [redacted] problems, the following plan is suggested. The Committee on [redacted] should, after its 24 October meeting with the operator be convinced as to the desirability of field experimentation, request the Office of Security to arrange for subjects for experimentation through the [redacted]. [redacted] is suggested because both Washington and [redacted] are to some extent unsuitable for the purpose. It should be noted in this connection that the Office of Security has previously conducted the experiments in collaboration with [redacted], and also that the operator on a purely unofficial basis has engaged in similar experiments with the [redacted]. These experiments, it is suggested, should be contrived so that designated representatives of the Committee and of the chief of the [redacted] program might clandestinely view them. (The chief of [redacted] has indicated that his chief is most anxious to see a demonstration of the technique prior to giving his approval to use of their rejected assets.)

4. It must be noted, at least within the [redacted] Staff, that what we hope to prove through these techniques will not be proven or even convincingly demonstrated through the experiment outlined above. As you know, what we hope to prove, or disprove, through intensive laboratory-field experimentation is:

A. Hypnosis can be induced extremely rapidly in an unwilling subject.

B. Hypnosis having been induced, durable amnesia can be implanted.

C. Hypnosis having been induced, durable and useful post-hypnotic suggestion can be implanted.

The demonstration experiment using criminal subjects can only hope to bring forward evidence in support of the first point above. The other two points cannot on the face of it be a subject of experimentation with criminal subjects, nor, in our opinion, should they be the subject of

experimentation with significant intelligence subjects, such as, for example, [redacted] We suggest that initial experimentation on amnesia and post-hypnotic suggestion could most efficiently and with the least risk of embarrassment be tried on [redacted] rejects in experiments in which we would go no further than to have them forget the hypnosis episode and on Groundhog Day 1961 have an uncontrollable impulse to return to [redacted] and commit a nuisance on the steps of the [redacted]

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5. Concurrently with these more or less longer range experiments on low level [redacted] subjects it would be feasible to experiment with hypnosis as an interrogation technique by reopening certain now dormant unsettled cases in [redacted] and elsewhere. Specific cases can be placed on the agenda which are of continuing interest, potential profit, but of low security and flap risk.

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6. If these recommendations are accepted it is further recommended that once the Committee of [redacted] has given the general approval to the program and the experiments in [redacted] have given credence to the basic techniques, that an operations group be established for the selection of cases and forwarding of recommendations to the Committee on [redacted] Membership on the operations group, it is suggested, should be one or more representatives each from TSS, OS, [redacted], and, on an adhoc basis, one or more area division representatives.

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