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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director

SUBJECT : New Grant with

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. The recommendation is contained in Paragraph 7.

- 2. The research, detailed in the accompanying proposal, is part of the Behavior Control program. The work will undertake to define behavioral (verbal) alterations, during amobarbital interview, that may index a subject's cognitive-affective status. Particular attention will be paid to means for the reduction of inhibition concerning critical information. This project will contribute to interpogation and assessment programs in the Behavior Control area.
- 3. This study proposes to: (a) explore changes in verbal behavior under stress during altered states of consciousness and (b) correlate alterations in consciousness indicated in verbal responsiveness with the EOG (electro-oculogram), GSR (galvanic skin response) and EEG (electroencephalogram). Experimental subjects will be selected from the male psychiatric prison ward population

where interrogations of this type are conducted as a part of normal working routine. Control subjects will be selected from the student population at Psychiatric interviews and psychological tests will be used to evaluate the personality structure of all subjects. Verbal behavior will be studied prior to, during, and after the amytal interview. A double-blind design will be used to evaluate the test data. This type of research plan is expected to provide information concerning the type of person susceptible to amytal interview, the type of material elicitable and the reliability of the elicited material. This information has direct bearing on information eliciting and information evaluative procedures in the interrogation situation.

were chosen to conduct this research because of their prior work on verbal behavior during interrogation procedures, prior work with amytal interviews and their access to a population faced with the stress of active and meaningful interrogation. The skills of the researchers and the uniqueness of the experimental population convey a greater meaningfulness and probability of success than could be expected otherwise in this type of research. This is expected to contribute directly to the Behavior Control goal. The research will cover a period of twelve months at an estimated cost of \$ | The grantees will provide an interim report as well as a final written report at the end of the period.

4. The proposed work has been coordinated with

The proposal is to be treated as Internal coordination has been achieved with the

made witting and has given his approval concerning funding procedures as well as the substantive study. Dr. Twill be the A letter from Dr. responsible official at outlining procedures for amytal interview is attached to the proposal.

research 5. The proposal, as submitted, outlines a (results follow-on funding program. Contingent upon the at slightly lower levels can be expected. This study acts as a _land the drug studies bridge between the in the Behavior Control program. This central position coupled with general lack of knowledge in this area suggests that further study will be necessary in this important area.

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