MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief,

SUBJECT: Review of Proposal on Screening of Compounds Effecting Behavior

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Director, Subject, Research and Development Requirements of the Clandestine Services

1. Attached is the Proposal upon which you solicited comments. I have discussed the paper at some length with appropriate individuals in this Division and find that we are in general agreement on several points. First, the brevity of description of experimental work to be performed is such that an assessment of the "quality of content" of the proposal does not appear to be possible particularly in view of the very specialized interests in these matters. Far from being negative in this respect, this consensus appears to involve the thought that the proposed work covers such a broad area and involves so many possible test substances that some materials of interest must almost certainly be discovered.

2. Until some point is reached in the work where possible end-items can be identified, it is difficult to predict the ultimate usefulness of this research approach to chemical and biological agents effecting behavior and point out that this approach is certainly a plausible one.

3. In the recent past and at present has no work in progress nor does it contemplate any which is designed to identify new chemical or biological agents effecting behavior. There is therefore no question of any duplication of effort or overlap in the case of this proposed work.

Attachment:
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