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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Drug Interrogation Research

1. This memorandum is to apprise you of precautionary steps that have been taken for the conduct of research in a potentially sensitive area, drug interrogation research. The proposal, submitted by , will undertake to investigate means by which critical material can be elicited during amytal interviews.

2. The following steps have been taken:
   a. The research will be under the sponsorship of the . The proposal was originally forwarded to us from . The proposal has been classified.
   b. The proposal has been approved by the . Their signatures appear on the cover page of the proposal. Dr. has been cleared and made vitally of the Agency's role in approved of the proposal and the stipulated funding mechanism.
   c. All procedures will be carried out according to the standard policies of both . (This is indicated on page 22 of the proposal.)
   d. Examination of critical subjects will be under the supervision of Dr. , the principal investigator, who is in charge of the Psychiatric Prison Ward. Amytal interviews are carried out routinely on selected cases in this setting. All amytal interviews will be conducted under medical supervision. A letter from Dr. outlining order procedures is attached.

3. This proposal contributed directly to the Behavior Control program. It is directly applicable to the areas of interrogation and assessment as well as the polygraph program. Internally the proposal has been coordinated with and had the approval of
4. For these reasons it is felt that appropriate precautions to protect the agency as well as subjects have been taken. It is therefore strongly recommended that research in this important, though sensitive, area be approved for support.
This study will examine the efficacy of using changes in verbal behavior as an index of an altered state of consciousness. This will be correlated with psychophysiological changes as well as extensive psychological tests. Critical subjects will be from psychiatric prison ward populations undergoing routine, but meaningful interviews. Particular attention will be paid to reduction of inhibition concerning critical information.