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29 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Add-on Task at the [REDACTED]

1. This add-on task is a long-planned portion of the Materials Analysis Project. The purpose is to establish an efficient and rapid method of determining the mechanism of action, tissue reaction, and potential for creating states of dependency of candidate psychoactive agents. The work will undertake to establish a tissue culture system for the study and classification of newly acquired or synthesized compounds. Initial efforts will utilize well-established compounds as the developmental test bed. This will entail the use of psychoactive analgesics such as narcotics where tissue culture dependency or "cellular addiction" has been shown to occur.

[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] was selected for this research because of their experienced and able staff and because the work is an integral part of the drug screening program now established at this facility. This screening effort feeds into a computerized system which is compatible with Agency programs and existing hardware. It will be necessary for the output of this work to also be compatible with the Agency's system.

3. Assuming success in developing a tissue culture system that yields new, useful information, it is expected that follow-on work will be required at about the same level of effort. It is also expected that some savings will accrue as a result of better selection of candidates for secondary and advanced screens. The work has been coordinated with [REDACTED]. The work will cover a period of nine months at an estimated cost of [REDACTED].

4. Dr. [REDACTED] extension [REDACTED] is the project officer with responsibility for monitoring the work. The work will be UNCLASSIFIED, but Agency association will be CONFIDENTIAL. Reports will be classified AS DIRECTED.

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5. The [redacted] recommends approval of an add-on task with the [redacted] The work will cover a period of nine months at a cost of approximately [redacted]

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