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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Project OFTEN History

1. The first contract in support of Project OFTEN was approved by the then DCI on 10 March 1966. The DCI at that time was Admiral Raborn and the DDCI was Richard Helms.

2. The memorandum in support of that proposal stated, "This work is in support of continuing needs for better and safer behavioral control tools and in support of Division's requirements concerning chemical and biological agents affecting behavior."

3. A Materials Analysis Project was initiated by in 1970. Work in this area had already begun in 1966 under the old Behavior Control Project. The work, initially a drug screening program, has developed into a large, closely held, computer-based project concerned with world-wide developments in toxicology leading to potential threats to American officials and technicians. The project is intended to enhance Agency capability to detect and nullify exploitation of U.S. personnel by means of material agents (drugs). At present, the project consists
of nine contracts including two no-cost actions plus one large in-house effort with its own dedicated computer terminals and isolated screen room.

4. During the month of June 1970, a comprehensive briefing on this project was given to and Dr. This group approved the project, i.e., its scope and purpose.