RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIORITY STATUS APPROVAL

1. The proposed work is recognized by the as important and central to their long standing requirements for interrogation improvement.

2. In spite of these continuing and unsatisfied requirements, it has been impossible to initiate this highly selective work without first identifying an appropriate research group with access to essential experimental subjects:

3. Now that an ideal setting and group have been identified to pursue this work, failure to approve it at this time would jeopardize the good prospects for success now offered, possibly resulting in loss of one of the principal investigators and the access he provides to the essential population necessary for this work.

4. For security reasons, this project will be

In the normal course of events, this will add approximately to the elapsed time between approval and contract negotiation. For this, and the reasons cited above, it is recommended that approval of this proposal not be postponed until after 31 January 1967.
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 interrogation 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 the Psychiatric Institute. 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.

I was 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 $1.

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 written and has given his approval concerning funding procedures as well as the substantive study. Dr. will be the
responsible official at

A letter from Dr. outlining procedures for amytal interview is attached to the proposal.

5. The proposal, as submitted, outlines a research program. Contingent upon the results follow-on funding at slightly lower levels can be expected. This study acts as a bridge between the and the drug studies 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.

6. but reports will be unclassified subject to review by the monitor. Dr. will be Project Officer and monitor its execution.

7. The recommends approval for the to establish a grant with to investigate the utility of amytal interview. The work will cover a period of months at an estimated cost of $
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.
### PROJECT ACTION

**Title or Office** | **Routing Type (#)** | **Typed Name and Signature** | **Comments** | **Date**
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Division Chief | 1 | | 3 OCT 1960 |
Assistant Dir. | 2 | | |
Admin. | 3 | | |
Plans & Proc. | 4 | | |
Exec. Officer | 5 | | |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | | |

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### APPROVING AUTHORITY (Entered by the originator) REFER TO [INSTR. 220.1]

### DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (List... Use reverse side if necessary)

1. Memorandum
2. Proposal
3. Form 0708

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**PROJECT TITLE/DESCRIPTION**
Interrogation Techniques - Influence of Drugs

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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**UNCLASSIFIED**
Justification if Sole Source: I have extensive experience in (a) verbal behavioral studies; (b) psychophysiological recording; (c) pharmacologically controlled interviews, and (d) access to a critical test population. These factors make them uniquely qualified to conduct this research.

Deliverable Items


Hardware (state type and number): None

Briefing Aids: None

Other: None

CPE Equipment Required: None

Security Requirements

Contract Classification: Uncl TS Other

Work: Uncl TS Other

Hardware: Uncl TS Other

Reports: Uncl TS Other

Reports will be unclassified subject to review by the project monitor.

Special Provisions

It is requested that be transferred to to establish this new Grant with

Contractor Information

Principal Investigator: Dr.

Clearance, Type: Continuing Level: SECRET

The co-principal investigator, Dr. also has a Continuing SECRET clearance.

Agency Contact:

 Clearance, Type: Level

If a new contractor, have requests for contract clearance been submitted?

Yes

Date

No

Other Remarks

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(specify)