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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DEPUTY (INSPECTION & SECURITY)
CHIEF OF MEDICAL STAFF

SUBJECT: Experiments on Interrogation Techniques

1. I have discussed with Mr. Dulles the proposed experiments to be conducted within the Agency on various interrogation techniques under the overall direction of OSI. I explained to Mr. Dulles that the Medical Staff and I&S would backstop these experiments but that before doing so the approval of the Director or Deputy Director had been requested.

2. Mr. Dulles agreed that these experiments should go ahead on a laboratory basis under medical and security controls which would insure that no damage was done to the individuals who volunteer for the experiments.

3. This memorandum will serve as your authority to proceed with OSI and T&S in the carrying out of these experiments. It is the understanding of this office that T&S will actually run the experiments and that OSI will provide supervision, advice, and particular qualified personnel.

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