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# OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: AIR POUCH  
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TO: Chief of [REDACTED]  
Attn: [REDACTED]  
FROM: Chief, [REDACTED]

DATE: 3 September 1947

SUBJECT: GENERAL  
SPECIFIC: Truth Serum

1. As I recall in our conversation in October 1946, you indicated to me that you had used truth serum on at least one occasion with some degree of success. We are most interested in determining the value of truth serum and would appreciate a detailed account of each instance in which you have used it, how it was given, and the results.

2. We are also exploring the possibility of using lie detectors. I do not know whether you have used a lie detector or not. If so, please give your observations, results, etc., regarding its use. Our initial impression is that lie detectors might be most useful particularly in handling double agents and defection cases.

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