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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY CHIEF, [REDACTED]

Drugs, Anesthesia, etc.

SUBJECT: Comments on Memo by [REDACTED], Acting Chief, to [REDACTED], dated 7 March 1951, [REDACTED]

1. I have today discussed this memorandum with Dr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] is assistant to Dr. [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] states that:

a. Certain drugs are known to produce amnesia. Usually the effect lasts a matter of hours or days, at the most three months. He knows of none which are in effect as long as 18 months, as intimated in the above memo.

b. Permanent damage of the brain by drugs is quite feasible; but it would be an unusual drug which would damage the brain in such a way that damage is completely repaired over an 18-month period.

c. It seems unlikely that [REDACTED] would stumble on a "series of related drugs" of this nature; rather this would be general knowledge in special medical groups.

d. Despite the unusualness of the claims, the contact with [REDACTED] should be pursued further, as suggested in section 2 below.

2. Immediate action.

a. Further contact, possibly by Mr. [REDACTED], who first made the contact, should be maintained with [REDACTED] to ascertain:

- (1) the chemical nature of these drugs, and whether they are well known,
- (2) more information as to their exact physiological effects,
- (3) who manufactures them or has studied them, and
- (4) what clinical evidence there is that they have such lingering effects.

b. When this evidence has been obtained, [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED] to help evaluate the proposals therein.

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3. Ultimate action 10/11/51

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3. Ultimate Action. If the report in section 2 is sufficiently promising, it might be advisable to proceed as follows:

a. [REDACTED] to prepare an exploratory report indicating:

- (1) the items in 2a above,
- (2) how and where [REDACTED] would carry out these tests.

b. After this report is in, it would be fitting to discuss the proposals at a joint meeting of certain medical groups with [REDACTED]

c. In the course of the inquiry, drugs which might undo the effects of the amnesia-producing drugs should not be overlooked. An amnesia-induced defector might be made to talk by administering this counter-drug.

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- Gy 1 - [REDACTED] G
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