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Subject: SI and H Experimentation, 3 October 1951.

On 3 October 1951, [redacted] and the writer conducted experiments in SI and H in Rooms 20 and 5, Building 13. The subjects were [redacted] M [redacted] and [redacted].

In view of the controversial behavior of [redacted] and [redacted] in their straight work and their post hypnotic, it was decided to again proceed along standard lines and continue the experimentation involving these individuals. It was also agreed that since [redacted] had reached a much greater depth and a more consistent performance, she could be used as a balance against the activities of the others.

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The first test tried was a very slow routine induction into an SI state by [redacted] with a simple post hypnotic. In this test, apparently all individuals were successful and to all outward appearances, obtained a deep sleep state and responded to the post hypnotic suggestion of sleep. This test involved approximately fifteen minutes of time.

The second test was begun with all three subjects placed in a deep SI state and thereafter [redacted] was told to open her eyes and proceed while asleep with [redacted] and [redacted] to Room 3 while the other subjects maintained their sleep state. In this connection, it is the opinion of the writer and both Messrs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] when she left the room, was not in a trance state. It should further be noted that both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that they had heard the instructions to [redacted] although they had been specifically conditioned not to hear same by the writer.

[redacted] then proceeded with Messrs [redacted] and [redacted] to Room 3 and she was there given sleep instructions and post hypnotic instructions for approximately 20-25 minutes. In addition to the instructions regarding sleep, the post hypnotic suggestions were given. [redacted] attempted to discover what block mechanism was interfering with [redacted] a complete carrying out of the SI instructions. This exploratory work was not entirely successful and whereas both Messrs [redacted] and [redacted] felt that they had made some progress with [redacted] her activities still appear to be controversial and erratic.

[redacted]

During the period that [redacted] was with [redacted] in Room 3, the writer remained with [redacted] and [redacted] and after [redacted]'s departure awakened them. It was decided that the writer would try several simple post hypnotics with [redacted] and [redacted] and in these efforts, [redacted] was usually successful and [redacted] only partially so. In this connection, it appears that [redacted] is progressing and that [redacted] actions are questionable particularly as far as post hypnotic suggestions go. It should also be noted that the writer felt again that [redacted] was engaging in some "play acting".

Upon [redacted]'s return and after a brief discussion, all subjects were again placed in a deep trance and this time [redacted] went with [redacted] to Room 3 while [redacted] and [redacted] remained with [redacted] in the Operations Room.

A [redacted], it is believed, went to the other room (Room 3) in a trance state although this cannot be positively determined. However, upon arrival in Room 3 and upon instructions to fall immediately asleep, she did specifically this. [redacted] and the writer tried numerous post hypnotic suggestions with [redacted]. In general, these were successful although [redacted] does "not react in the normal manner and attempts rationalization for all acts in which she engages. Both [redacted] and the writer observed that [redacted]'s eye opening when she attempted to reach "normal activity" again created the impression of "play acting". During the time [redacted] was with [redacted] and the writer, [redacted] working primarily with [redacted] attempted to create a deep SI state in both subjects. Again [redacted] was successful with her efforts but again [redacted] activities were controversial.

After perhaps 15-20 minutes of such efforts, all subjects were assembled again in the Operations Room, placed under SI, and all post hypnotic suggestions were removed with precautionary instructions given.

COMMENT:

The evening's work did not answer the questions concerning [redacted] and [redacted]. Both again acted in a controversial manner and both apparently are engaging in "play acting" whether unintentional or otherwise. [redacted] on the other hand appears to have developed a good capacity for the SI work as demonstrated in her very high record in the post hypnotics, etc.

Based on the results above, it is obvious that both [redacted] and [redacted] will require a great deal of intensive efforts before they have reached a true somnambulistic state and can carry out advanced experimentation.