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SUBJECT: SI and H Experimentation, 17 November 1953.

On Tuesday, 17 November 1953, SI and H experimentation was carried on in Building 13, Room 20 by Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] and using Misses [redacted] and [redacted] as subjects.

In view of the fact that Miss [redacted] had only worked a few times previously and this was Miss [redacted]'s first attendance, both of these girls were asked to act as observers only during the first two tests.

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The first test consisted of an experiment involving the memorizing of a passage and the transmittal of same using a code word. Miss [redacted] was first tried on the test with Mr. [redacted] using the initial induction. Miss [redacted] was placed in a deep hypnotic condition and then told to open her eyes while asleep and study a technical passage from a book given to her by [redacted] in about two or three minutes, memorized the passage and then while still under hypnosis was given instructions that she was to leave the room, proceed from that room to room #3 in the Polygraph Section where she would enter and sit down. She was told there would be people in the room and that under no circumstances would she recall the memorized passage except if the code word "Medicine" was used. When and if the code word "Medicine" was used, she was at once to write the memorized passage and go into a deep hypnotic sleep immediately thereafter. After these instructions were given, Miss [redacted] in a deep hypnotic state, was sent to Room #3 by Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] and the two observers present then attempted by interrogation, promises, threats, etc. to get Miss [redacted] to reveal the memorized passage which she would not do, or could not do. Mr. [redacted] then gave the code word to Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] wrote the fairly long passage almost without error and passed into a deep hypnotic state.

[redacted] then took control of Miss [redacted] and made her again open her eyes and walk from room #3 back to the operations room and upon entering that room go to the sofa, lie down and pass at once into a deep sleep. Subsequently, Miss [redacted] was awakened and for matter of record, it should be noted, she had total amnesia for the entire performance. This total amnesia was one of the main elements of the test and Miss [redacted] had received instructions all along the way in attaining a total amnesia.

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After Miss [redacted] completed the test, Miss [redacted] was run on a similar test using a different passage and a different code word. Miss [redacted] instead of being handled entirely under hypnosis was run on the test in a post-hypnotic state. When Miss [redacted] reached Room 3, in a post-hypnotic state, she was questioned at length by Mr. [redacted] and the observers and had no memory whatsoever of the memorized passage. Then Mr. [redacted] gave her the code word "neither" concealed in a sentence and Miss [redacted] wrote the memorized passage and passed into a deep sleep. Mr. [redacted] then sent Miss [redacted] back to the operations room where she went into a deep sleep state on the sofa as had Miss [redacted]. It should be noted that Miss [redacted] had no recollection whatsoever of the entire activity.

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The second test of the evening was run again using Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] as the principals. Mr. [redacted] took Miss [redacted] to Room 3 and placed her in a deep hypnotic state. He then caused her to open her eyes and gave her instructions that she would remain asleep but carry out her instructions in a "normal" manner. Mr. [redacted] then gave Miss [redacted] an envelope which he informed her contained highly confidential matter and asked her to conceal this paper very carefully on her person. He told Mr. [redacted] after she had concealed the paper, to carry it to the ladies room and go before the mirror and fix her hair. She was instructed that another girl she did not know would enter and at some moment while in the ladies room, this person would ask, "Do you happen to know where Mr. [redacted]'s office is?" Miss [redacted] was instructed that when this code was used she was to take this envelope from her person and hand it to the person immediately, leave the ladies room, return to Room 3, sit in the chair where she had been sitting and go into a deep sleep with a complete amnesia for this entire activity.

Mr. [redacted] starting with Miss [redacted] in the operations room, placed her in a deep sleep and gave her the following instructions: she was to open her eyes and act normal, but remain deep asleep during the activity and was told to go to the ladies room, go to the mirror and fix her hair. She was told she would note a girl there whom she did not know who would also be fixing her hair. She was told to say to the other girl, "Do you happen to know where Mr. [redacted]'s office is?" She was told the girl would give her an envelope or document. She was told she was to take the envelope and very carefully conceal it on her person. After she had concealed it, she was told to leave the ladies room and go to Room 23. She was told there would be a man she would not know in Room 23 and she was to engage him in conversation and if he asked her anything about a paper or envelope she would not be able to give any answer in this connection but she was told if anyone asked her, "Do you know [redacted]?" she was to ask that person to go with her to the operations room, through the side door and after taking

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this person into the operations room she was to deliver the paper to him, go to the sofa, lie down and go to sleep and have total amnesia for this entire activity.

After the times had been arranged, the entire activity was set in motion and was carried out by both girls without any hitch. The two observers, Miss [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED] were placed in the ladies room and surreptitiously witnessed the passage of the concealed document from Miss [REDACTED] to Miss [REDACTED]. The writer, who was in room 23 tried to obtain information from Miss [REDACTED] when she entered the room, asking her many questions and receiving only nonsense answers or general answers but was unable to obtain possession of the envelope or facts pertaining to it. However, when the writer asked Miss [REDACTED], "Do you know [REDACTED]", Miss [REDACTED] at once asked the writer to accompany her to the operations room where she gave the envelope to the writer and completed the instructions given to her by Miss [REDACTED].

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It should be noted that both of the above mentioned tests were not discussed until approximately one hour later and at this point, the writer explained the test to both girls. Even with details of the action, Miss [REDACTED] had no memory of the action in its entirety and Miss [REDACTED] could only remember very vaguely certain minor incidents.

After the conclusion of the tests, the writer explained briefly some of the problems of the work to Miss [REDACTED] and since it was her first attendance at these sessions, the writer asked Mr. [REDACTED] to run Miss [REDACTED] on some simple suggestibility tests. Then Mr. [REDACTED] tried a slow induction with Misses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Miss [REDACTED] obtained a good sleep state and [REDACTED] a very light sleep. Since at this time it was approximately 9:00 PM, the writer concluded the evening's work.

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