

1 May 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY CHIEF, [REDACTED] G

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors

REFERENCES: (a) Memo fr Acting Chief, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], dtd 7 Mar 1951; Subj: Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors of all Categories. [REDACTED] H

H (b) Memo [REDACTED] fr [REDACTED], Consultant, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dtd 20 Mar. 1951; Subj: Comments on memo by [REDACTED] Acting Chief, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated 7 March 1951. G

1. On 1 May 1951, Mr. [REDACTED] and the undersigned discussed these matters with [REDACTED] C/I

2. The action called for in Paragraph 3 of Reference (b) was resolved during this discussion; namely,

a. Chemical nature of the amnesia-inducing drugs: They would be substituted [REDACTED] They are not reported in the literature. [REDACTED] C/I

b. Physiological effects: In animal studies, it was found that 150 milligrams per kilogram of body weight is fatal 50% of the time. Total dosage to [REDACTED] is only about 150 milligrams; i.e., about 70 times less than the lethal dosage. However, on one occasion, a person administered twice this amount (300mg.) developed temporary amnesia and drowsiness, a condition which lasted about 24 hours. I

c. Manufacturers: [REDACTED] is producing 200 grams of the parent substance. B

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[redacted] but it will be available to us for [redacted] This material could serve as the immediate starting material for synthesizing related compounds by alkylation, acetylation, carbonylation, etc. G/I

4. Clinical evidence: None excepting that intimated in Item 2b above, from observation on [redacted] C/I

5. It is the opinion of the undersigned that this is a unique opportunity to carry on a sterile research program which is a gamble, but a worth-while one. The physiological effects cannot be tried out on animals; it can only be carried out without arousing suspicion by using these [redacted] [redacted] seems well qualified to carry on this work. C/I

6. It is entirely possible that this project might fail in providing any drug which could induce amnesia for such long periods of time as the 18 months required in Reference (b); but it is also entirely likely that drugs may be found which will induce amnesia for a period of some days or weeks, and as such may find use for short-term disposal of maximum custody type defectors. C/I

The chemical synthesis would probably be carried out at [redacted] by a chemist already synthesizing similar compounds for [redacted] Also, it would seem desirable B
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[redacted] so as to make two chemists available for speeding up the research. However, it is not desirable to synthesize a great number of derivatives, but rather to keep the preparation of a few of these compounds in phase with the clinical tests on them.

7. Recommendations: [redacted] C/I

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Consultant, [redacted]

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[redacted] - Cy 3
Chrono - [redacted] Cy 2

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