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Subject: SI testing, 24 July 1951 (Rooms 20, 17).

On 24 July 1951, between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] conducted SI and H experiments and tests with the following subjects: [redacted] and [redacted]

After the usual general discussion, the first test was made. This test was to produce "normal" movement conversation and appearance in all subjects. [redacted] was placed in a somnambulist state by [redacted] some conversation was held and Subject was instructed to go into adjoining room and bring [redacted] the phone book. [redacted] completed test as directed, but in [redacted] opinion her movements were somewhat slower than normal and too deliberate. [redacted] was not given instructions on amnesia and after awakening recalled nearly all of her conversations and movements.

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[redacted] then placed [redacted] under SI and after some excellent "normal" conversation, [redacted] was instructed by [redacted] to go into the adjoining room and find a note pad and write thereon. [redacted] carried out all instructions successfully and in a very "normal" manner.

[redacted] then placed [redacted] under SI and a "normal" conversation took place after which [redacted] instructed [redacted] to go into the adjoining room and take a drink of water from the water carafe and bring a glass of water back to him--all of which [redacted] carried out in a completely normal fashion.

Upon conclusion of the first test, another discussion was held after which [redacted] then placed all three subjects in a deep trance. [redacted] then placed [redacted] and [redacted] in the adjoining room and caused them to sleep resting on desks while [redacted] carefully questioned [redacted] regarding general and personal matters.

After [redacted] was finished, she was instructed to go into the next room and [redacted] was moved back into Room 20. [redacted] created the hallucination for [redacted] that a glass of water was a strong Manhattan cocktail which produced in [redacted] an intoxicated, hilarious effect. Thereafter, [redacted] questioned [redacted] carefully on personal matters with good results and [redacted] joined the conversation very successfully and naturally.

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After [redacted] was finished, she was instructed to move into Room 17 and [redacted] was brought into Room 20. [redacted] created the hallucination for [redacted] that she was drinking and "Old Fashion" cocktail and [redacted] stated she "felt" the cocktail, but did not become as intoxicated as did either [redacted] or [redacted]. Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] then questioned [redacted] on personal matters in a normal conversational manner.

At the conclusion of this test, all subjects were given total amnesia which was entirely successful.

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It should be noted that during this whole test, all subjects were kept under SI for the entire time (about 40-50 minutes) and during this period while [redacted] questioned the subjects individually, [redacted] made a series of tests for depth, control, etc. including instructing [redacted] in the loading and working of a "Kodak 35" [redacted] subsequently removed this knowledge from [redacted] and she could not even recall seeing a "35" or remember telling [redacted] about its working.)

Again as before at the conclusion of the second test, all subjects were briefed on the test and a discussion was held with the subjects on the final test of the evening. This test consisted of an attempt to have each subject, under SI, memorize in rapid time a short quotation by reading same from a book--thereafter, each subject would be removed from the trance state and moved into the adjoining room under post H control, where [redacted] by agreement would return subject to the trance and have the subject write out while under SI the memorized text. On this test, [redacted] and [redacted] executed the test without incident and moved normally during the post H period. However, [redacted] was able to recall and write out the full text of her quotation prior to being placed under SI by [redacted] thereafter was placed under SI by [redacted] and she again wrote the quotation verbatim.

(Note: This phenomena cannot be explained at this point.)

For matter of record only, this last test represents a stride toward the operational use of SI and will be the basis for a great many tests to be made later along these lines.

Comment:

With the exception of the unusual reaction of [redacted] referred to above, all the above tests were regarded by Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] as successful. However, both [redacted] and [redacted] are of the opinion that, as a general rule, many tests and considerable coaching is necessary before a subject can function while under SI in a completely "normal" manner.