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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: MKULTRA

1. The following represents the best of my unaided recollection regarding the MKULTRA program. I was first briefed on it in 1962. At that time it was in the process of a significant decrease in activity and funding. As C/D&E I continued to decrease funds significantly each year until the program was phased out in the late 1960's.

2. MKULTRA was a group of projects most of which dealt with drug or counter-drug research and development. The DCI and the DDP were kept informed on the program via annual briefings by C/TSD or his Deputy. Most of the R&D was externally contracted and dealt with various materials which were purported to have characteristics appealing for their covert or clandestine administration under operational conditions. The objectives were behavior control, behavior anomaly production and counter-measures for opposition application of similar substances. Work was performed at U.S. industrial, academic, and governmental research facilities.

Testing was usually done at such time as laboratory work was successfully completed and was often carried out at such facilities as the U.S. Drug Treatment Center in Frankfort, Ky. and the California State Prison in Vacaville. In all cases that I am aware of, testing was done using volunteer inmates who were witting of the nature of the test program but not the ultimate sponsoring organization.

3. As the Soviet drug use scare (and the amount of significant progress in the MKULTRA Program) decreased, the program activities were curtailed significantly as budgetary pressure and alternate priorities dictated.

4. Over my stated objections the MKULTRA files were destroyed by order of the DCI (Mr. Helms) shortly before his departure from office.

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