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Chief, Contact Division  
For : Scientific Branch,  
Chief, Office

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

1. A book published in [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Inc., en-  
titled [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]  
on page [REDACTED] contains the following:

"Today every [REDACTED] military doctor and [REDACTED] nurse is trained in  
hypnotism. The [REDACTED] have used hypnotism to an amazing extent in  
healing amnesia cases. Their psychologists use it for traumatic cases.  
Hypnosis has indeed become the [REDACTED] paramount weapon in the treat-  
ment of war neuroses."

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Will you please advise whether [REDACTED] has any interest in our find-  
ing out what facts, if any, the authors have to support the statements  
contained in the above quotation? Such an investigation would undoubt-  
edly be time-consuming and we do not wish to embark upon it unless we  
have some assurance that the results might be of value to CIA.

2. This book on pages [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also contains the following  
statements which may be of interest to [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a successful author of books on [REDACTED] and the  
[REDACTED] went  
one step further. He has declared:

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"I can hypnotize a man--without his knowledge or consent--into commit-  
ting treason against the United States. If I can do it, so could psy-  
chologists of other nations in the event of another war."

[REDACTED] is absolutely right. I, too, could produce hyp-  
notic secret agents and so could hundreds of others trained in the science  
of hypnotic suggestion. I would be surprised if many secret services are  
not now actually employing hypnotic methods for some of their underground  
activities.

"Soon after World War II had started, [REDACTED] was called to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. He was asked by intelligence officers about the possibility  
that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] secret services might be planning to  
use hypnotism to obtain information.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] then made a most provocative and controversial statement when he told United States Intelligence officers:

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"Two hundred trained [REDACTED] operators, trained in the United States, could develop a unique, dangerous army of hypnotically controlled agents."

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