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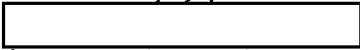
Ms. Deanne C. Siemer  
General Counsel  
Department of Defense  
Pentagon

Dear Ms. Siemer:

Per your request of last week, enclosed are copies of our documents which had been included in the package your office sent to the Kennedy Subcommittee for the MKULTRA hearings. We have sanitized the documents so that they may be released as you had requested.

Sincerely,

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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31 AUG 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for [Redacted]  
SUBJECT : Transfer of Funds to ONR for Follow-on Task at the [Redacted]

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. The recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.

2. The research program described in the appended proposal is part of the Materials Analysis Project. The overall objective of these studies is to synthesize new classes of pharmacologically active drugs affecting the central nervous system so as to evaluate their modification of man's behavior.

[Redacted]

This follow-on task will be a continuation of the above work.

3. [Redacted]

[Redacted] has been responsible for the development of large, multidisciplinary programs which were supported by government and industry in the United States and abroad. These programs involved studies on psychomimetics and narcotics and with central nervous system active agents in general.

4. The proposed work will cover a period of one year and will cost approximately [Redacted]. Over a period of two years several potential contractors have been contacted and evaluated with reference to this task. [Redacted] was chosen because it was the only candidate which offered the necessary range of professional disciplines and experience in organic synthesis involving

[Redacted]



Organic Materials Synthesis

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December 1973

SUB-CATEGORY/ELEMENT

PROJECT

Covert Action & Program Wide/Behavioral Activity Materials Analysis

CIA

DESCRIPTION: New analogs of compounds that show evidence of unique biological activity will be synthesized and tested in the screening facility. Both parent compound and analog series will be selected on the strictest evidence of existing and predictive effects.

BACKGROUND: The current screening program has been successful in identifying the biological activities of several classes of compounds. A necessary sequel to this is the synthesis of analogs which will be more specific in action as well as more reliable. This effort will also supply additional compounds to the screens which were not currently available from established sources.

Contractor: [Redacted]  
Type of Work: Research  
Technical Field: Life Support Systems  
Coordination: [Redacted]

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	FAN NO.	DIVISION CHIEF	PROJECT ENGINEER		
		Dr. [Redacted]			

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Organic Materials Synthesis

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8 March 1972

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[REDACTED] This add-on task will be a continuation of the above work and also the first beginning work in developing new narcotic blocking agents.

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4. A follow-on action can be anticipated in early FY 73, possibly at an increased level depending on performance and anticipated new developments in this area.

5. Dr. [REDACTED] is the project officer with responsibility for monitoring the execution of the task. This project is funded through the Office of Naval Research. This arrangement protects the Agency's association with this area of research and provides the contractor with credible sponsorship. The work will be UNCLASSIFIED, but Agency association will be CONFIDENTIAL.

6. The [REDACTED] recommends approval of the transfer of [REDACTED] to the Office of Naval Research for support of this task by the [REDACTED]

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(1 Feb. 1956 to 1 Feb 1957)

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Total	<u>\$60,000</u>

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SUBJECT: The Conversion of Project KADECOY from O&A  
Cover to KILLERA

1. The first year's work on this program was financed through the Navy for several reasons: First, the work program at that time chiefly involved theoretical studies and the development of tools and models which presented no security hazard and involved no specific product other than unclassified information. Second, ~~the project~~ was not cleared, had to be dealt with through a cut-out, and could not be informed of our true interest. Finally, previous Navy contracts on protective gear made it entirely logical to proceed for a time under an unclassified O&A contract as cover.

2. When ~~the project~~ was cleared and informed of our true interests in this research, the whole scope of the project changed and it became apparent that developments might be expected in the second year which would make it impossible to operate the program securely under the previous cover. Specifically, human experiments of a type not easily justifiable on medical-therapeutic grounds would be involved. In addition, certain items of equipment are likely to be developed which according to Dr. Quinby of O&A could not be covertly handled under the present O&A setup. It was Dr. Quinby's general opinion that unless we were willing to clear a considerable number of people in the Los Angeles Branch of O&A and to accept a lower order of security treatment of the project than we feel is necessary O&A would not be able to handle the project satisfactorily.

3. For the reasons given above and because this project in a general way will begin to become involved in the subjects of interrogation and some aspects of brain-washing, TSS/OJ has decided that it should be funded through project KILLERA rather than by less secure methods.

TSS/Chemical Division

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PL Approved For Release 2004/08/19 : CIA-RDP81M00980R000100020062-1 REQUEST

TO : Mr. Cary Miller 11 April 1978

FROM : RSG [Signature] SUSPENSE DATE

SUBJECT:

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Attached are five CIA documents sanitized for release, requested by Diane Siemer, General Counsel, Department of State.

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1. August 31, 1972, memorandum for Deputy Director of Science and Technology.
2. December 29, 1970, CIA Card File on Organic Material Synthesis.
3. March 8, 1972, memorandum to the Director of Research and Development.
4. December 16, 1955, request for support of research.
5. January 10, 1956, memorandum for the record, subject, Conversion of Project MKDECOY from ONR cover to MKULTRA.

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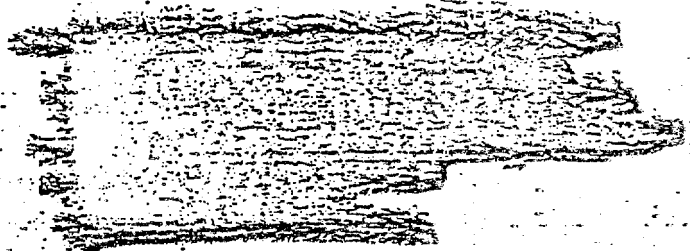
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10.7 A single blast pressure wave propagated in air must have considerable intensity in order to produce brain concussion, however, there is considerable evidence (Carver & Dinsley) that modification of the pressure wave can produce profound effects.

10.8 Excitation of the resonance cavitation by using a tuned driver at this time appears to be well within the realm of possibility. The neurotic-like manifestations normally associated with blast concussion could possibly be induced by this method. Use of this method, however, would require actual physical contact with the drivers.

10.9 Excitation of the resonance cavitation by tuned sound waves also appears to be a reasonable possibility. Concentration of the sound-field at some remote point could be effected with acoustical lenses and reflectors. The blast duration would be in the order of a tenth of a second. Masking of a noise of this duration should not be too difficult.

11.0 It would possibly be advantageous to establish the effectiveness of both of the above methods as a tool in brain-wash therapy. A full knowledge of the method and the resulting sequela should be of aid to any person forced to submit to such treatment.

12.0 Possibly the most significant potential aspect of this study would be in the development of practical means of giving a person immunity, even though temporary, to brain concussion. One technique that appears to have potentialities involves the introduction of a small quantity of gas, approximately 1 cc, into the spinal cord. This gas bubble would then normally migrate to the ventricles located at the centrum of the brain. The ability of this bubble to expand under dynamic loading would be most effective in preventing resonance cavitation from occurring.

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Direct Labor	\$23,594
Materials	4,000
Overhead (83.21% of \$23,594)*	19,633
Travel	800
Consultant Fees	1,000
Laboratory Equipment**	10,000
Contingencies	973
Total	<u>\$60,000</u>

\* See attached letter for breakdown.

\*\* In regard to the laboratory equipment the following stipulations are proposed:

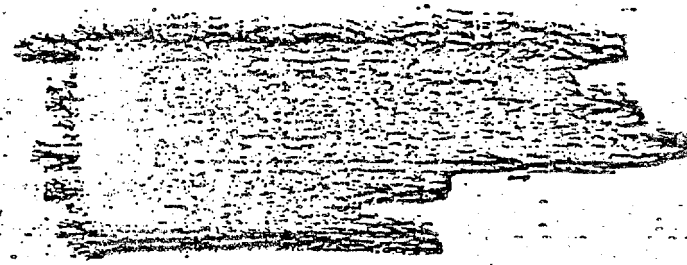
- a. The laboratory equipment will be purchased by the contractor at the start of the years program, however, the sponsor will remain legal owner of the equipment.
- b. The book value of the above equipment will then be depreciated over a five year period by the sum of the digits method. The schedule of depreciation will then be as follows:

1st year	=	5/15	original cost
2nd year	=	4/15	" "
3rd year	=	3/15	" "
4th year	=	2/15	" "
5th year	=	1/15	" "
- c. If at any time the sponsor withdraws financial support, the contractor is then to be granted 1 year rent-free use of the equipment.
- d. At the end of this grace period the contractor has then the option of purchase from the sponsor of any or all items of equipment at the then depreciated value.
- e. At the end of the five years of life the individual items of equipment have no book value and automatically become the property of the contractor.

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1 Feb 1956	\$22,500
1 May 1956	12,500
1 Aug 1956	12,500
1 Nov 1956	<u>12,500</u>
Total	\$60,000



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT : Transfer of Funds to ONR for Follow-on Task at the [REDACTED]

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. The recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.

2. The research program described in the appended proposal is part of the Materials Analysis Project. The overall objective of these studies is to synthesize new classes of pharmacologically active drugs affecting the central nervous system so as to evaluate their modification of man's behavior.

[REDACTED]

This follow-on task will be a continuation of the above work.

3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been responsible for the development of large, multidisciplinary programs which were supported by government and industry in the United States and abroad. These programs involved studies on psychomimetics and narcotics and with central nervous system active agents in general.

4. The proposed work will cover a period of one year and will cost approximately [REDACTED]. Over a period of two years several potential contractors have been contacted and evaluated with reference to this task. [REDACTED] was chosen because it was the only candidate which offered the necessary range of professional disciplines and experience in organic synthesis involving

[REDACTED]

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the class of materials nominated for exploration. Coordination has been effected with [REDACTED] which concurs with the proposed research.

5. A follow-on action can be anticipated possibly at an increased level depending on performance and anticipated new developments in this area.

6. Dr. [REDACTED] is the project officer with responsibility for monitoring the execution of the task. This project is funded through the Office of Naval Research. This arrangement protects the Agency's association with this area of research and provides the contractor with credible sponsorship. The work will be UNCLASSIFIED, but Agency association will be CONFIDENTIAL.

7. The [REDACTED] recommends approval of the transfer of [REDACTED] to the Office of Naval Research for support of this task by the [REDACTED].

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Organic Materials Synthesis

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SUB-CATEGORY/ELEMENT

PROJECT

Covert Action & Program Wide/Behavioral Activity Materials Analysis

DESCRIPTION: New analogs of compounds that show evidence of unique biological activity will be synthesized and tested in the screening facility. Both parent compound and analog series will be selected on the strictest evidence of existing and predictive effects.

BACKGROUND: The current screening program has been successful in identifying the biological activities of several classes of compounds. A necessary sequel to this is the synthesis of analogs which will be more specific in action as well as more reliable. This effort will also supply additional compounds to the screens which were not currently available from established sources.

Contractor: [Redacted]  
Type of Work: Research  
Technical Field: Life Support Systems  
Coordination: [Redacted]

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ISSUE DATE	PROP. SOLICITED	PROP. IN HAND	PROP. IN HAND/UNBUD.	BS IN PROCESS	CONTRACT
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8 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Transfer of Funds to ONR for Add-On Task at the [REDACTED]

1. The research program described in the appended proposal is part of the Materials Analysis Project. The overall objective of these studies is to synthesize and evaluate new classes of pharmacologically active central nervous system drugs. The two principal areas of the current effort are: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This add-on task will be a continuation of the above work and also the first beginning work in developing new narcotic blocking agents.

2. [REDACTED] has been responsible for the development of large, multidisciplinary programs which were supported by government and industry in the United States and abroad. These programs involved studies on psychomimetics and narcotics and with central nervous system active agents in general.

3. The proposed work will cover a period of approximately 95 days and will cost approximately [REDACTED]. Over a period of two years several potential contractors have been contacted and evaluated with reference to this task. [REDACTED] was chosen because it was the only candidate which offered the necessary range of professional disciplines and experience in organic synthesis involving the class of materials nominated for exploration. Coordination has been affected with [REDACTED]



4. A follow-on action can be anticipated in early FY 73, possibly at an increased level depending on performance and anticipated new developments in this area.

5. Dr. [REDACTED] is the project officer with responsibility for monitoring the execution of the task. This project is funded through the Office of Naval Research. This arrangement protects the Agency's association with this area of research and provides the contractor with credible sponsorship. The work will be UNCLASSIFIED, but Agency association will be CONFIDENTIAL.

6. The [REDACTED] recommends approval of the transfer of [REDACTED] to the Office of Naval Research for support of this task by the [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: The Conversion of Project KADECOY from OMR  
Cover to MKULTRA

1. The first year's work on this program was financed through the Navy for several reasons: First, the work program at that time chiefly involved theoretical studies and the development of tools and models which presented no security hazard and involved no specific product other than unclassified information. Second, [redacted] was not cleared, had to be dealt with through a cut-out, and could not be informed of our true interest. Finally, previous Navy contracts on protective gear made it entirely logical to proceed for a time under an unclassified OMR contract as cover.

2. When [redacted] was cleared and informed of our true interests in this research, the whole scope of the project changed and it became apparent that developments might be expected in the second year which would make it impossible to operate the program securely under the previous cover. Specifically, human experiments of a type not easily justifiable on medical-therapeutic grounds would be involved. In addition, certain items of equipment are likely to be developed which according to Dr. Quinby of OMR could not be covertly handled under the present OMR setup. It was Dr. Quinby's general opinion that unless we were willing to clear a considerable number of people in the Los Angeles Branch of OMR and to accept a lower order of security treatment of the project than we feel is necessary OMR would not be able to handle the project satisfactorily.

3. For the reasons given above and because this project in a general way will begin to become involved in the subjects of interrogation and some aspects of brain-washing, TSS/CD has decided that it should be funded through project MKULTRA rather than by less secure methods.

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TSS/Chemical Division

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