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TO : [REDACTED] A
FROM : [REDACTED] A
SUBJECT: I & I

1. You have asked me to put down in writing some of my ideas on how I would go about getting expert help on hypnotism. Above all, I would rely upon proven experimental psychologists who have their feet on the ground on this subject and who have done plenty of research work on hypnotism.

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2. The most extensive and careful series of experiments on hypnotism were carried out by [REDACTED] over a ten-year period. He began his work while he was still at the [REDACTED] and finished his studies after he transferred to the [REDACTED]. His book, entitled [REDACTED] is a carefully documented research classic which is a "must" reading for anybody who professes to be even seriously interested in the subject. Unfortunately, [REDACTED] is no longer interested in hypnotism and moreover he has become quite feeble, but his two principal research assistants are still active in psychology and would prove particularly valuable as consultants on a research project on hypnotism. They are [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] before he became a psychologist. He is an extremely competent, broad-minded, and non-dogmatic scientist. At the present time, he serves as a [REDACTED]. He has plenty of experience in research, experimental, clinical, and business psychology. I would certainly trust his judgment on any problem dealing with hypnotism or drugs. An indication of his writing and thinking can be obtained from a recent article entitled [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] I believe more than [REDACTED] has maintained an active interest in hypnotism since their research days with [REDACTED] is the inventor of a test of suggestibility which was given considerable emphasis in [REDACTED] book. The test has been used by other experimenters who have published about it in the literature.

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Approved: [REDACTED]
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D From time to time, [redacted] writes articles on hypnetism, or contributes chapters to text books on the subject. I have seen him hypnotize on many different occasions and I know that he is very effective in producing all sorts of hypnotic phenomena in his subjects.

D, D 5. I am sure that both [redacted] would be glad to cooperate with you on such a project. I think that they would make a good team of advisers.

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