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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
 FROM : Inspector General
 SUBJECT : Kennedy Committee Interest in IG Surveys of OTS

1. This memorandum is for your information.

2. OLC recently asked us to review the IG surveys of OTS for information of possible interest to the Kennedy Committee. Of the three such surveys (1957, 1963, and 1971), only the 1957 report had not been reviewed previously. Our review of the 1957 report revealed several references to the drug related aspects of Project MKULTRA. Copies of a number of pages from that report have been sanitized and coordinated with Dr. Stevens for passage to OLC and, we presume, eventually for the Kennedy Committee. They contain the following matters of interest.

3. The organization, functions, and methods of operation of Chemical Division (CD), TSS are described. MKULTRA appears as a funding procedure for sensitive R&D programs including expenditures in the field of influencing human behavior. A section on influencing human behavior includes a general description of CD's interest and objectives, mentioning improved interrogation techniques through the use of psychochemicals and the development of defensive measures against hostile interrogation.

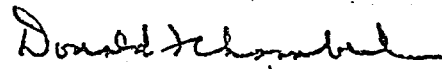
4. In discussing the problem of arranging for tests and experimentation in the behavioral program, the following statement is made:

"Some of the activities are considered to be professionally unethical and in some instances border on the illegal. These difficulties have not been entirely surmounted but good progress is being made. Another problem is raised by the lack of professional knowledge of lysergic acid, ~~the~~ (LSD) basic substance with which CD is concerned. Very little research has been done by the medical profession and CD is breaking new ground in its efforts to develop this material for operational use."

5. The report notes that preliminary tests are conducted on animals, and the best results in human experimentation have been obtained from mental institutions under controlled conditions. It goes on to comment on "security" hazards surrounding some aspects of the human behavior program as follows:

"Precautions must be taken not only to protect operations from exposure to enemy forces but also to conceal these activities from the American public in general. The knowledge that the Agency is engaging in unethical and illicit activities would have serious repercussions in political and diplomatic circles and would be detrimental to the accomplishment of its mission."

6. Apart from the general descriptions and statements outlined above, the 1957 report does not go into detail on the subject of human experimentation. It makes no recommendations on discontinuing such activities. Its recommendations on the subject of human behavior involve


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