

MEMORANDUM

Chow
INFORMATION - 6296

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL

September 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

DAVID ELLIOTT D.E.

SUBJECT:

Transfer of CIA's Stock of Shellfish
Toxin to the NIH

The National Institute of Health of HEW will be sending a letter to Colby, with a copy to HAK, requesting that the 11 grams of shellfish toxin now in the CIA's possession be transferred to NIH for medical research purposes, rather than being destroyed. Such use is completely consistent with Presidential directives and our obligations under the Biological Warfare Convention. The toxin is very rare and this cache may be the only substantial amount in existence.

A staff scientist from NIH has asked that the toxin not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of prior to the receipt of the formal NIH request. I have mentioned this to Sayre Stevens at the CIA.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

MORI/CDF per C03207902

CONFIDENTIAL/GDS