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Terry F. Lenzner,  
Counsel -- resumed

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STAFF INTERVIEW

Friday, October 17, 1975

United States Senate,  
 Select Committee to Study Governmental  
 Operations with Respect to  
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The Staff met, pursuant to notice, at 12:15 p.m., in Room S.406, the Capitol.

Present: Elliot Maxwell, Ted Ralston and Frederick Baron, Professional Staff Members.

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1 TESTIMONY OF SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, ACCOMPANIED  
 2 BY: TERRY F. LENZNER, COUNSEL -- resumed  
 3 Mr. Maxwell. We will start the deposition of Dr.  
 4 Gottlieb. And it is my understanding, from discussion with  
 5 Dr. Gottlieb's counsel, that we will operate under the same  
 6 ground rules as we have before, and we will stipulate the  
 7 presence of a Senator, the oath, and the like as we have before

8 Is that acceptable?

9 Mr. Lenzner. That is acceptable.

10 Mr. Maxwell. Dr. Gottlieb, you were referring yesterday  
 11 when we ended the deposition to the drug interrogation in

12  I was wondering if you had anything  
 13 else to add to that interrogation?

14 Dr. Gottlieb. I thought about it, and I can't recall any  
 15 details other than the ones I recounted to you yesterday.

16 Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall whether that interrogation  
 17 was done under the auspices of the Artichoke Committee, or  
 18 separately from it?

19 Dr. Gottlieb. I really don't remember that.

20 Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall whether the Office of Secur-  
 21 ity or the CIA medical staff played any part in either the  
 22 consideration of the proposal or the authorization of the  
 23 proposal?

24 Dr. Gottlieb. I am sorry, I have no recollection of  
 25 that.

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Mr. Maxwell. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dr. Gottlieb. I don't recall whether there was.

Mr. Maxwell. Perhaps we can move on to the next matter.

Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

Could you comment, Dr. Gottlieb, on the next operational use of drugs that we have?

Dr. Gottlieb. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And my comment on it is, I recognize this material as some activity that preceded a TSS involvement that came later, but I don't recollect this memorandum with any overseas testing that I can help with.

Mr. Maxwell. When you say TSS involvement that came later, what are you referring to?

Dr. Gottlieb. Well, I am referring to other material that you had us read this morning which refreshed my memory on, I think it was, QKHILLTOP, which was sort of a follow-on later of this activity represented here. But what I am trying to say is that I don't relate what I read here with any overseas tests that I or TSS had anything to do with.

Mr. Maxwell. We will follow up the QKHILLTOP as a separate section in order to pull that together..

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. I am looking at this material in over-  
2 seas testing terms.

3 Mr. Maxwell. That is fine.

4 Dr. Gottlieb. And I don't see anything here that stimulate  
5 my memory or that I can comment on usefully in that context.

6 Mr. Maxwell. Perhaps you could go on to the next  
7 file.

8 Dr. Gottlieb. The next file is labeled [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]

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17 There is a reference in a later paper to the individual  
18 claiming that he was aware of the hypnosis, and that he was in-  
19 effective. And I think that was our conclusion, too.

20 Mr. Maxwell. That was the memorandum that called to your  
21 attention as a report --

22 Dr. Gottlieb. A statement he made.

23 Now, there is either in this file -- and I think it might  
24 be useful to bring it up now -- or in another series of memor-  
25 and I read on this an exchange of cables that refer to my

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1 presence in [redacted] at the time, and that refer to the possi-  
 2 bility of using the materials we then called P-1 and A-2  
 3 on these three individuals. I don't recollect those actually  
 4 being used. And I really can't say now whether or not  
 5 they were used in those three cases. I saw nothing in the  
 6 material I read that made me remember that they were used.  
 7 The only reference is to the suggestion being made.

8 Mr. Maxwell. Is it your understanding from the material  
 9 that you read that the interrogations were conducted using sodium  
 10 pentathol and desoxyn or drugs similar to that, or with simi-  
 11 lar effects to those.

12 Dr. Gottlieb. That was my understanding from the  
 13 material I read on these three interrogations.

14 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

15 (Discussion off the record.)

16 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

17 There is a reference in the cable traffic to a proposal  
 18 to use P-1 on [redacted]

19 Off the record.

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20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

22 There is a reference in the files to a proposal to use  
 23 P-1 on [redacted] if -- and here the cable uses  
 24 a cryptonym that we have agreed refers to you, and

25 [redacted] agrees. The cable was sent on July 8,

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1 1954. The cable continues:

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2 "Due [redacted] suicide attempt, doubt he suitable can-  
3 didate either Artichoke or P-1" and requests -- again using  
4 the cryptonym referring to you -- an opinion from you.

5 The next cable in the series which we were given in-  
6 dicates that you would visit the [redacted] to  
7 discuss the cases that were under consideration and run them --  
8 I assume it means the cables -- if you and another individual  
9 agree. It also reflects that you concurred in the decision  
10 suggested in the earlier cables not to use either technique on  
11 that individual because of the suicide.

12 Do you recall any of that, any of the series of exchanges  
13 about that, or conferring with anyone about the use of P-1 on  
14 these individuals?

1.3(a)(4)

15 Dr. Gottlieb. I was able to get no recollection  
16 independent of what I read in the cables that I read in that file  
17 you are handling, except that this hypnotic attempt on [redacted] --  
18 it may be that P-1 or A-2 was used, I just don't remember whether  
19 or not it was used. And I didn't see anything in that file  
20 that was helpful to me to resolve that question.

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21 Mr. Maxwell. The cable traffic reflects Richard Helms,  
22 who was then Chief of Operations, as the releasing officer in  
23 the cable that refers to the proposal to have you confer with  
24 [redacted] as to the P-1 interrogation. If  
25 P-1 had been recommended, what would have been the approval

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1 mechanism if any beyond Mr. Helms?

2 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't know. Mr. Helms' approval would  
3 have been enough for me. Who he checked with I cannot comment  
4 now, I don't remember the procedures at that time. I would  
5 assume that he checked with somebody higher, but I really  
6 don't want to say that.

7 Mr. Maxwell. But if you had knowledge that he had re-  
8 leased it, that would have been sufficient for you?

9 Dr. Gottlieb. For me, I would have considered that  
10 sufficient authority.

11 Let me comment also that my assumption, when I read  
12 through that material, was that the reported success of the  
13 Artichoke interrogations of these people might have made the  
14 operational people who were controlling these cases feel  
15 that the use of P-1 would have been superfluous. But that is  
16 just a conjecture on my part.

17 Mr. Maxwell. For the record, I have no evidence that  
18 P-1 was in fact used in these cases. Part of our interest  
19 here is, as you described it yesterday, in trying to gain  
20 from you information about approval mechanisms in the context  
21 of the proposals as well as the actual use.

22 Dr. Gottlieb. I want to make it clear that I am not  
23 saying that P-1 was not used, or denying that it was used,  
24 it may well have been. I am just saying that I don't have  
25 a recollection of it.

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Mr. Maxwell. It appears from this material that this case Artichoke and P-1 were seen separately.

Can you recall, on the basis of your experience, what determination would have led in particular circumstances to suggest one or the other methods, and if there were differences, what were they?

Dr. Gottlieb. You are not speaking about technical differences, because we have been through that, differences in what I consider Artichoke to be, and what I consider a P-1 operation to be. I can only comment that I imagine a lot of considerations that would have led people to use one or the other entirely apart from the accessibility of one technique or information about one technique or another to the people who were planning such an operation.

For instance, a determination might have been made that the use of the kind of a medical-like setting that Artichoke requires was simply not permissible, it would have frightened somebody, and it would have frightened people, and would have made them -- I don't quite know how to say this -- would have made it very difficult to carry off the operation, somebody might have been frightened of that kind of medical setting, and the unwitting and total lack of awareness on the part of somebody who was being interrogated that way might have been the key thing, that that was a desirable setting.

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Mr. Maxwell. And what might have been the circumstances which would lead people to perform an Artichoke interrogation rather than a P-1 interrogation?

Dr. Gottlieb. The kind -- I would comment that the kind of scenario where they thought this rather formidable medical setting and the kind of hypnotic effect of these different drugs would help them in what they are doing.

In other words, they may have suggested that in some people that kind of setting would have the effect of making them speak more. What I am trying to say is that there is no question but that these drugs that we use in the two techniques were very different. The one was a barbiturate, one which basically put you to sleep, and the other was one which basically had the effect of disorientation and confusion.

Mr. Maxwell. It appears from the cable traffic that I read to you that at least one factor was the health of the individual, or the perceived psychological state of the individual, in regard particularly to [REDACTED]

Dr. Gottlieb. I would include that, yes. I was leaving that one out.

Mr. Maxwell. But that would be in fact one of the determining factors as to which one would you use?

Dr. Gottlieb. It could have been, sure. I would think that anybody that was perceived as being ill or psychological shaky, that that would have been a factor.

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1 Mr. Maxwell. Was it unusual for you to be called in  
2 to a situation where there was also interest in Artichoke  
3 interrogation of an individual?

4 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't think so.

5 Mr. Maxwell. In the differentiation you just made would  
6 it be possible that the Agency would see a P-1 interrogation  
7 as potentially more severe than an Artichoke interrogation,  
8 and thus postpone P-1 interrogations until after attempts had  
9 been made with Artichoke interrogations.

10 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't think so.

11 Mr. Maxwell. They were seen as different orders of  
12 severity?

13 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't want to comment on the order of  
14 severity. That is a term that doesn't mean anything to me.  
15 I am just trying to answer your question, that I don't think  
16 they were perceived in a manner relative to each other that  
17 you just mentioned.

18 Mr. Maxwell. So it wouldn't be necessarily normal to  
19 say that if by conventional interrogation techniques we haven't  
20 succeeded, the next thing to do would be an Artichoke  
21 interrogation, and the next P-1, that would not be the normal  
22 course?

23 Dr. Gottlieb. No.  
24 (Witness confers with counsel.)

25 Mr. Maxwell. Just to make sure this is covered for the

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1 record, do you have any recollection of why, after you were  
2 authorized to discuss the cases and approve a P-1 interrogation  
3 if you thought it fitted --

4 Dr. Gottlieb. If I and the operational people.

5 Mr. Maxwell. -- if you and the operational people  
6 thought it was fitting -- P-1 was not used?

7 Dr. Gottlieb. I mentioned before that I could speculate  
8 that the apparent success of these Artichoke interrogations  
9 made it superfluous, that is the only comment I can make.

10 But that is not based on a recollection. It is based on reading  
11 that file.

12 Mr. Maxwell. The file indicates that an Artichoke  
13 team was not available in the near future, which was why it  
14 was referred to you. And the cable that asks for your  
15 opinion begins:

16 "Artichoke team not available near future, suggest  
17 an individual discuss with" --

18 Dr. Gottlieb. I see.

19 I didn't remember that. Then my response would be, I  
20 really have no comment on that point.

21 I had the impression in reading that that the chronology  
22 was such that ~~these~~ three individuals had the ARTichoke in  
23 ~~terrogation before the P-1 suggestion came up,~~ and that is not  
24 the case apparently from what you are saying.

25 Mr. Maxwell. Apparently, from my reading of the traffic,

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1 the Artichoke team was not available in the near future,  
2 and, therefore, you were asked for your opinion in the early  
3 part of July, and the Artichoke examination began in late August?

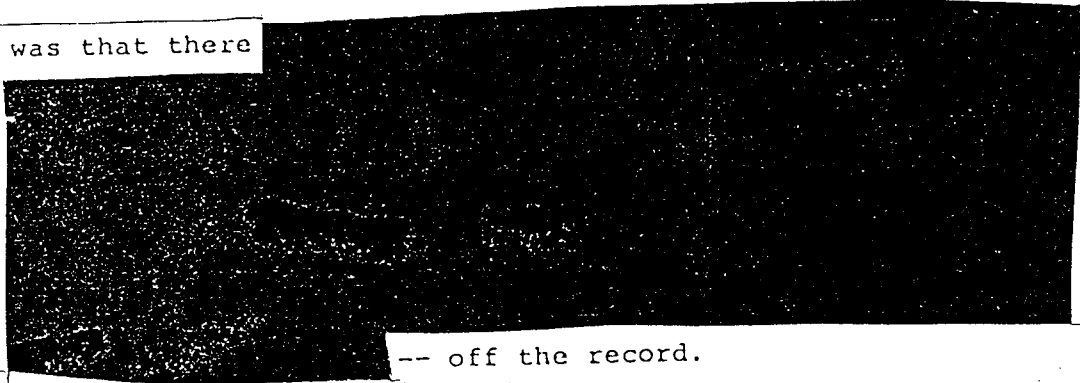
4 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't think I can help you sort that  
5 out.

6 Mr. Maxwell. Perhaps you could go on to the next  
7 operation.

8 (Discussion off the record.)

9 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

10 Dr. Gottlieb. My recollection of the events that TSS  
11 was involved in -- and I was not personally involved in this --  
12 was that there



13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 Dr. Gottlieb. Back on the record.

15 It involves an employee of TSS named Dr. Bortner, who  
16 took a trip with a consultant, since deceased, called  
17 Dr. Maitland Baldwin.

18 The technique consisted of a confusion technique in  
19 interrogating prisoners, which was designed to disorient  
20 without the use of any drugs, and that -- (confers with counsel)

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1 -- which was designed to confuse and disorient the person being  
 2 interrogated to the point where he would lose the kind of con-  
 3 trol of what he said that might result in his releasing more  
 4 information than he intended to. And my recollection is  
 5 that there was at least one, and I don't know how many more,  
 6 interrogations of this kind, and that its results in terms of  
 7 success or failure were indeterminate.

8 ~~Mr. Maxwell. Was this technique to be used in conjunc-~~  
 9 tion with drugs?

10 Dr. Gottlieb. No, it was not.

11 Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall the setting of the other  
 12 interrogation using this technique?

13 Dr. Gottlieb. What do you mean by the other interroga-  
 14 tion?

15 Mr. Maxwell. You said you recalled there was at least --

16 Dr. Gottlieb. I said there was at least one, and I  
 17 see here. But I don't know how many others. But again, what  
 18 I am saying is that I have no recollection of P-1 or any  
 19 other TSS administered interrogation technique being used.  
 20 I am not saying it was n't done.

21 Off the record.

22 (Discussion off the record.)

23 Dr. Gottlieb. Back on the record.

24 I would also like to comment about this case  
 25 that it reflects what I remember to be a fairly confused sit-

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1 uation in terms of using the drypthonym Artichoke, in the  
2 sense that I saw several cables using the cable indicator Arti-  
3 choke, and also using that cable indicator to cover a whole  
4 range of techniques not related to what I understood to be the  
5 Artichoke narcohypnosis technique.

6 Mr. Maxwell. In regard to the last comment, Dr.  
7 Gottlieb, it appears that Artichoke was used not only as the  
8 cable indicator, but also in the text of the telegrams  
9 themselves.

10 In the first telegram we have in the series it is used as  
11 a cable indicator of a cable sent out on 21 September 1954.  
12 But it is also used in the body when the cable asked for the  
13 names of candidates proposed for handling "under Artichoke pro-  
14 gram". The cable is signed with Mr. Helms being the releas-  
15 ing officer.

16 Later on, in a number of these instances in the cable  
17 traffic, Mr. Helms appears as the releasing officer, and the  
18 authenticating officer is not indicated, it is sanitized out.

19 There are several cables that I would like your comments  
20 on if they trigger any recollection.

21 Dr. Gottlieb. Sure.

22 Mr. Maxwell. There is a cable that goes from  
23 Director [redacted] with Mr. Helms as the releasing officer  
24 which is dated 11 May 1975.

25 Dr. Gottlieb. It couldn't be that.

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Mr. Maxwell. 11 May 1955. Excuse me.

Paragraph 2 reads:

"View sensitivity program and considerable number candidates proposed. Request you establish priorities according (a) potential for each case and (b) ease of disposal (i.e., any candidates under death sentence)."

I was wondering if you could comment on what that conveys to you as criteria for the selection of candidates for these interrogations.

Dr. Gottlieb. It conveys two things to me. One is that it clearly reminds or reinstructs or instructs the station that these cases have to be approved on a case by case basis, not just as a group; that Mr. Helms' approval was necessary in cases of special interrogations like this; and that what the handling of the agent would or could be after the interrogation was a matter for consideration.

Mr. Maxwell. I am not sure what that means.

Dr. Gottlieb. Well, it means to me that if the relationship between the organization and the agent was going to be severed, for instance -- if the agent was going to be terminated or disposed of in the sense of saying, our relationship is now finished, we may owe you some money, here it is, but that is all, that would be a security consideration in whether a special technique would be used, or if in some manner some form of control over the agent could be established--

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1 I am simply saying, that would be a consideration in approving  
2 it or not, along with many others.

3 Mr. Maxwell. How does that relate to the question of  
4 ease of disposal and the possibility that these individuals  
5 are under death sentence?

6 Dr. Gottlieb. I can't really help you on that. You can  
7 derive the same conclusion I can from that, if in fact they  
8 were going to be under death sentence and executed by [REDACTED]

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9 [REDACTED] all I can say is that that would be a factor in whether  
10 to choose them as subjects or not.

11 But whether it is a fact to say, it is good to  
12 choose them, or no, it is not, I can't comment on that. I am try-  
13 ing to say your interpretation of that is as good as mine.

14 Mr. Maxwell. I would like your interpretation based on  
15 your experience that you had within the Agency.

16 Mr. Gottlieb. I didn't have a lot of experience, or really  
17 any that I can remember, involving this kind of situation,  
18 where somebody was under death sentence to be shot, or some-  
19 thing like that. And although I read it here that that seems  
20 to be the case --

21 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

22 (Discussion off the record.)

23 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

24 It is not clear from the cable that in fact any of the  
25 individuals being proposed for these interrogations were under

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1 Mr. Maxwell. Was that consistently true over the course  
2 of time in the use of P-1?

3 Dr. Gottlieb. I think I should put in a word of  
4 comment or explanation here.

5 When you speak of the approval process, there were a  
6 number of approvals, for various reasons. But one of them  
7 was certainly the TSD approval about any technical aspects  
8 of the case. The point that I want to make is that the TSD  
9 approval only would have to do with the technical aspects of the  
10 case, and was never the go-ahead.

11 So, in this case I would only have to say, there had  
12 to be other comments, other cable messages, because that  
13 would never have been enough for the operation to go ahead.

14 Mr. Maxwell. Was TSS ever, to the best of your knowledge,  
15 overridden in regard to a recommendation it made about P-1  
16 interrogation?

17 Dr. Gottlieb. My answer to that would be absolutely --  
18 I mean, was it actually ever overridden? I can't mention  
19 case and chapter and verse, but I am sure that happened. There  
20 are often disagreements.

21 Mr. Maxwell. And the disagreements would signify that TSS  
22 was making a recommendation?

23 Dr. Gottlieb. That TSS was saying from a technical point  
24 of view, this seems like a sound thing to do.

25 Mr. Maxwell. And the operational --

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1 death sentence. The cable raises the ease of disposal as a  
2 consideration, and essentially asks whether any of the indivi-  
3 duals are under death sentence.

4 What importance would it be that an individual was under  
5 death sentence?

6 Dr. Gottlieb. My response to that is, I have no comment  
7 on that question, because I don't feel as though I can give  
8 you anything but a speculative answer. It is outside the  
9 range of my personal experience.

10 Mr. Maxwell. Hypothetically, if an individual were  
11 under death sentence, then there would be little or no secur-  
12 ity concern about the individual's later revealing the form  
13 of the interrogation, is that correct?

14 Dr. Gottlieb. I feel that is a hypothetical question.

15 Mr. Lenzner. I think I would have to say for the record  
16 that we are getting into an area which we are now basing  
17 hypothetical questions on, an area that Dr. Gottlieb has al-  
18 ready indicated a great deal of sensitivity toward, both be-  
19 cause he hasn't had any direct experience with it, and be-  
20 cause of his sensitivity toward the news media reports that  
21 have linked him to a variety of incidents which have already  
22 appeared in the press which stimulated his request to the  
23 Committee that he be able to testify anonymously.

24 And as we know, pending that request, information was  
25 furnished, apparently by this Committee, to the press linking

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him to certain incidents in [REDACTED], which caused them considerable concern regarding protection of his family and himself.

So, I am going to advise him not to answer that question or any other questions that follow in this kind of pattern, because I don't think that they are pertinent to the Committee's inquiry. And I see no legislative purpose related to this line of questioning, except perhaps curiosity. And I would ask that if the Committee wishes to pursue this line of inquiry that we get a ruling from the Chairman of the Committee or the Committee in toto.

And I will tell you very frankly, I really don't understand the purpose of this line of questioning.

Mr. Maxwell. I think we will hold this line of questioning in abeyance for now.

I do think, though, that, because the line of questioning will be held in abeyance, I don't think there will be an attempt now to explain the purpose of the question.

Dr. Gottlieb. Can we go off the record?

(Discussion off the record.)

(Whereupon, at 2:00 p.m., the interview was adjourned, to reconvene at 2:15 p.m. in Room 610, Capitol Hill Hotel.)

Mr. Maxwell. There was one more comment that I think should be on the record in response to Mr. Lenzner's comment and concern about leaks in regard to Dr. Gottlieb's testi-

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1 meny. And that is that the Committee has initiated certain  
2 action in order to determine if at all possible whether the  
3 material that appeared in the Washington Post was given to the  
4 Post by members of the Committee or the staff.

5 The Committee obviously shares the concern about leaks  
6 such as this. And at this point, not having to determine  
7 the source, the Committee is not ready to second Mr. Lenzner's  
8 assertion that the information was apparently leaked by the  
9 members of the Committee or the staff.

10 There are several other questions that I would like to  
11 raise about the interrogations [redacted] with you, Dr. Gottlieb.  
12 And that is, it appears that there was a proposal to use P-1 in  
13 this particular interrogation, as well as possibly the technique  
14 which you have described prior to this.

15 And the telegram indicating that there was no CIA object-  
16 ion -- off the record.

17 (Discussion off the record.)

18 Mr. Maxwell. There is no CIA objection to the use of  
19 P-1 if Dr. Bortner concurs. And that telegram was released  
20 by the Deputy Chief of TSS with the Acting Chief of TSS for  
21 Research and Development as the authenticating officer. The  
22 signing off by those two individuals in this case leaves the  
23 impression that TSS had a part of the approval process in  
24 regard to P-1.

25 Dr. Gottlieb. It certainly did.

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Dr. Gottlieb. No, I do not.

Mr. Maxwell. Will you go on to the next case?

Dr. Gottlieb. The next case is labeled [REDACTED]

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Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

Dr. Gottlieb. My general remembrance of this operation involved both [REDACTED] and myself, and my remembrance now is that he was there by himself for a while, and I came in later. So I think I was in on only one or two of the three interrogations that were done.

From my rereading of this that was my remembrance.

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We completed the interrogations and wrote up reports,  
[REDACTED] and left. There are other  
details in here that I think stand on themselves.

I remember further that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mr. Maxwell. At all times referring to what?  
Dr. Gottlieb. Let me withdraw that. I am not  
sure.

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Mr. Maxwell. You said that it was approved in the morning

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way.

Do you recall what the approval was?

Dr. Gottlieb. Not specifically. I just recall that there was a series of approvals. And my remembrance is that there was DDP approval.

Mr. Maxwell. There are some questions that I would like to ask you about materials in the file. There is a cable which goes from [redacted] to the Director dated 5 March 1956. And

it carries the cable indicator HILLTOP. Perhaps you might explain as best you can remember what that signified.

Dr. Gottlieb. Again, I can only comment that it illustrates some confusion. To my mind HILLTOP was never a cable indicator, but rather a cryptonym that referred to a group of behaviorable, control oriented research activities, and not a cable indicator.

Mr. Maxwell. Perhaps you might expand on what HILLTOP meant just a little bit. And we will come back to it, perhaps it will make the record a little clearer here.

Dr. Gottlieb. Well, my memory was stimulated not so much by that, but by other things you gave me to read yesterday and today. But as I put it together now, QKHILLTOP was a cryptonym which seemed to supplant Artichoke in the sense that it was given to a coordination activity which included a lot of research activities having to do with the behavioral control.

It also could have been, and probably was, the name of

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1 a project, in addition to this coordinating activity under  
2 whose umbrella this group of behaviorable activities came.

3 Mr. Maxwell. The behaviorable activity would consist of  
4 what kind of activities?

5 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, P-1 research, A-2 research. And  
6 the material you gave me to read seemed to indicate that at one  
7 time what we have been talking about -- what we have been  
8 referring to is narcohypnosis interrogation techniques were

9 also included under it. I don't remember HILLTOP being useful  
10 for a precise package of any kind that seemed to come into  
11 use and go out at a certain period, to be supplanted by ULTRA  
12 or some other.

13 Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall the time when you first became  
14 aware of it and when, to the best of your recollection, it  
15 faded away?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. I would be glad to do that now. You  
17 have a file -- I couldn't pick it out, now -- that I think  
18 makes a much better focus for us to discuss this around. And  
19 I would be glad to do that.

20 Mr. Maxwell. The cable that I referred to indicated  
21 that 200 units of P-1 were given to subject number one,  
22 and that this precipitated "severe classic paranoid reaction".  
23 The subject believed that light bulbs were emitting hot and  
24 cold rays to produce "scientific death", and told the guard  
25 that someone was trying to read his mind and went into a

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1 schizophrenic reaction. Had that occurred in previous P-1  
2 experiments to the best of your knowledge, or in P-1 research  
3 being done within the U.S.?

4 Dr. Gottlieb. I really don't remember that detail.

5 Mr. Maxwell. It indicates that a doctor was called  
6 after this reaction set in, and the doctor was unwitting. And  
7 the doctor diagnosed the subject as mentally ill. And  
8 this was done to have the incident a matter of record. And

9 it apparently was done in order to have the subject labeled as  
10 mentally ill, which would allow him to be discredited in the  
11 eyes of the group with which he had been working.

12 Was this technique to the best of your knowledge used  
13 in other P-1 interrogations?

14 Mr. Lenzner. Can I interrupt a second?

15 I recall seeing the language that an examination was  
16 done for the record. But I don't recall the additional language  
17 with regard to discrediting.

18 Is the language that you are referring to "pending fur-  
19 ther discussion plan to exploit incident to divide PB group"?

20 Mr. Maxwell. Yes.

21 Mr. Lenzner. What does PB stand for?

22 Mr. Maxwell. I think that referred to this group he  
23 belonged to.

24 Mr. Lenzner. And the question is, was that a technique  
25 that was used in other cases you know of?

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my knowledge -- although it had been  
2 recognized that that kind of thing might be a need that P-1  
3 might help with, to make somebody behave erratically for the  
4 purpose of his colleagues losing faith in his ability to act  
5 responsibly.

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Mr. Maxwell. That cable also refers to [REDACTED]

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Dr. Gottlieb. I don't remember it. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. And it certainly does  
not refer to a technical category, but rather to the interro-  
gations under an operational project, is what I would read  
that as.

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Mr. Maxwell. There is a report which indicates that  
you arrived in [REDACTED] on the 12th of February in 1956.

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And you were referred to at that time by [REDACTED]

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Do you recall that at all?

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Dr. Gottlieb. That does not bring back any memory to  
me.

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Mr. Maxwell. My understanding from the materials is that  
you stayed there until the early part of March.

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Dr. Gottlieb. When does it say that I arrived?

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Mr. Maxwell. 12 February.

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Dr. Gottlieb. I didn't remember that I was there quite

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1 that long.

2 Mr. Maxwell. There is also an indication on the report

3 of 7 March 1956 that the success of the interrogation, subject

4 one, was given a glass of water, but appeared to be suspicious

5 of its contents. He did, however, drink it, after some hesi-

6 tation. And the note said, this was the first instance that

7 any target person was suspicious of the food or drink. Up

8 until then, in the interrogation that you had been involved in,

9 or had been told about, had there been any breakdowns in

10 security?

11 Dr. Gottlieb. Of this kind?

12 Mr. Maxwell. Yes.

13 Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my remembrance, of somebody feeling

14 that they might be attacked this way.

15 Mr. Maxwell. Was this a prime consideration on the

16 part after -- what was the general method of administering P-1

17 or A-2?

18 Dr. Gottlieb. By putting a small amount of liquid solu-

19 tion of it in another's food or drink.

20 Mr. Maxwell. Was there any problem about health altera-

21 tion or the like causing a decomposition of the chemical?

22 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't remember that exactly. BUT

23 what remembrance I have tells me it was rather stable in that

24 respect. That could be wrong. I don't have a clear memory

25 of it.

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1 Mr. Maxwell. In that same report it indicates that the  
2 subject was required to stand for a long period of time,  
3 three and a half hours, in what was described as a humid, stif-  
4 ling, smoke-filled interrogation room.

5 Was it the use pattern to enhance the effect of P-1 or  
6 A-2 with physical stress?

7 Dr. Gottlieb. I would say that was not the usual pattern.  
8 But it could have been, depending upon what the operational  
9 aim was. I don't remember that as being the use pattern. It  
10 might have been also, for the purpose of giving the person  
11 being interrogated some other reason to attribute some strange  
12 feelings he might have.

13 In other words, giving some -- for security reasons so that  
14 he shouldn't attribute it to a drug that was administered.

15 Mr. Maxwell. Or to the difference in treatment by  
16 difference in operation of aim -- how would you describe the  
17 different treatments as they related to different operational  
18 aims.

19 Dr. Gottlieb. What I really had reference to is that  
20 different interrogators of different interrogation times like  
21 to proceed in different ways. So, as you probably referred  
22 to from reading this, like to have a friendly interrogator and  
23 an unfriendly one. And if that was this scenario, then this  
24 slight physical stress would be brought in as part of their  
25 normal mode, sort of with no relationship to the P-1. That

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1 is the sort of thing I meant.

2 Mr. Maxwell. There is a 1 March 1956 report [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 Was that normal practice after --

8 Dr. Gottlieb. I think so. We wanted to know in terms

9 of improving this technique or modifying it what [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] respect to their goals were?

11 Mr. Maxwell. Would it be usual for the comments in these  
12 reports to be passed along to TSD?

13 Dr. Gottlieb. Oh, yes.

14 Mr. Maxwell. And this was essentially a feedback  
15 mechanism so that you could improve what you were doing?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. Yes.

17 Mr. Maxwell. In paragraph 3 it notes that:

18 "If one assumes that [REDACTED] activities should be con-  
19 ducted in interrogations, there is a need for more general,  
20 knowledge as to the benefits and problems one can expect in  
21 their application".

22 To the best of your knowledge did TSD or other parts of  
23 the Agency proceed upon this advice to provide more informa-  
24 tion [REDACTED] about the capabilities and the problems and  
25 benefits that could be regained?

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. Could you reread that to me? I didn't  
2 quite understand it in the way your question seems to imply you  
3 did.

4 Mr. Maxwell. I will read the whole section.

5 Dr. Gottlieb. Or I will read it if you would like  
6 me to.

7 Mr. Maxwell. "If one assumes that [redacted] activities  
8 should be conducted in interrogations, there is a need for

9 more general knowledge [redacted] as to the benefits and  
10 problems one can expect in their application. A conclusion  
11 that could be drawn here is that control, limited training of  
12 responsibility [redacted] as to the availability  
13 and nature of the drugs might be considered".

14 Dr. Gottlieb. And your question was --

15 Mr. Maxwell. Whether TSD or any other part of the  
16 Agency responded to this suggestion or suggestions such as to  
17 provide training [redacted] as to the availability  
18 and nature of the drugs.

19 Dr. Gottlieb. I think -- I wouldn't be able to answer  
20 whether this particular suggestion was responded to. But  
21 during this period when we felt we were getting more experience  
22 and information about the effectiveness and other properties  
23 of P-1, we certainly did to an increasing extent try to make  
24 present and future [redacted] aware of this capability.

25 Mr. Maxwell. The report goes on:

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1 "A specialist in interrogation should be available to  
2 all stations that mount interrogation operations."

3 Was there any action along this line?

4 , Dr. Gottlieb. I think we would feel that we were in agree-  
5 ment with that.

6 Mr. Maxwell. Were interrogation teams or individuals held  
7 out as ready to [REDACTED]?

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8 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, you have to understand what they  
9 mean. They could have meant they are either experienced

10 interrogators with respect to P-1, or they could have meant the  
11 psychologists with some experience in P-1. But I think in ei  
12 either case that kind of resource was available for P-1 in-  
13 terrogations. What I am trying to say is, this was not a  
14 suggestion that kicked off a new line of activity.

15 Mr. Maxwell. But it encouraged a --

16 Dr. Gottlieb. It sort of was approving what we had done  
17 here, I think.

18 Mr. Maxwell. There also is an indication in the re-  
19 port that the writer advises that "Any person who is to in-  
20 terrogate someone under the influence of the drugs should have  
21 the experience of taking the drug prior to that occasion."

22 Was that true of any of -- of all of the P-1 interroga-  
23 tions that you are aware of, that the individual who was  
24 involved in it had had some experience with the drug?

25 Dr. Gottlieb. No. If by the individual involved in it

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1 you mean the [redacted] or the person at the [redacted] who is  
2 closest to the operation, the answer to that is no.

3 Mr. Maxwell. Would the person [redacted] be closer  
4 to the operation than the person who had administered the  
5 drug?

6 Dr. Gottlieb. That is a hard question to answer. He  
7 would certainly be closer to the [redacted] background of  
8 the operation, the things which people like the TSD people  
9 wouldn't have.

10 Mr. Maxwell. Let me put it another way.

11 Would it be expected that the persons who administered  
12 the drug would be available at all times for consultation with  
13 [redacted] while the interrogation was going on?

14 Dr. Gottlieb. Definitely.

15 Mr. Maxwell. Would it be more likely that the persons  
16 who administered the drug would be involved in observing  
17 the reactions of the subject and with the [redacted]

18 Dr. Gottlieb. Not necessarily. I think they would both  
19 have an equal interest.

20 Mr. Maxwell. But the assumption was not that the person  
21 who was doing the administering would be the person who is  
22 more qualified to be the observer of the reaction?

23 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, I think his interest was in trying  
24 to follow things like, where the individual was in relation to  
25 this LSD experience he was having, whereas [redacted]

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1 his interest was a little more in what information was coming  
2 out and how the interrogation was going.

3 Mr. Maxwell. In paragraph 12 there is another suggestion  
4 that the writer makes, which is that the target should be  
5 under a 24-hour per day observation. The writer also indicates  
6 that detailed observation reports concerning the target should  
7 be made. It comments on the excellent report that were done in  
8 this interrogation, and suggests that they would be very  
9 helpful in the future.

10 Was it a requirement of the P-1 interrogations that there  
11 be such reports, and that there be 24-hour observation of the  
12 subjects?

13 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't know that I would call it a require-  
14 ment. It was certainly a recommended procedure.

15 Mr. Maxwell. Were there instances that you are aware  
16 of where that was not followed?

17 Dr. Gottlieb. I find it hard to answer that, because  
18 I wasn't present at all of them. But my general remembrance  
19 is, by and large that was followed.

20 Mr. Maxwell. Although you weren't present then, would it  
21 be usual or likely for you to receive reports of P-1 interro-  
22 gations if you were not present, given your interest and  
23 expertise?

24 Dr. Gottlieb. I would say it was likely, yes.

25 Mr. Maxwell. If you were not present, would it be

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1 likely that the reports would come back to the headquarters  
 2 division to which the station reported, and that the reports  
 3 would be distributed there as well as to TSD because of TSD's  
 4 interest in this technical interrogation?

5 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, depending upon how sensitive they  
 6 thought the case was, they would either do that or have me or  
 7 someone else come over and read it.

8 Mr. Maxwell. The report also indicates in paragraph 13  
 9 the suggestion that both the interrogator and target should  
 10 be under observation in order that either 

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11 , or the P-1  
 12 administrator, should be watching both the people who were  
 13 doing the interrogation and the subject, in order that the  
 14 person essentially in charge of it would have the best sense  
 15 of how the operation was going in regard to the technical  
 16 aspects.

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17 In regard to the P-1 interrogations about which you are  
 18 knowledgeable, was it in the interest of TSD or yourself to  
 19 attempt to kind of watch the interrogation as processed in order  
 20 to learn about the effects of P-1 or how it might be done  
 21 better rather than the particular operational intelligence that  
 22 was gained.

23 Dr. Gottlieb. The answer to that is yes. It was a  
 24 long question, but if I stuck with the thread of what you  
 25 meant, the answer is yes.

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1 Mr. Maxwell. So essentially what you were learning is  
2 how this worked?

3 Dr. Gottlieb. Yes, improving the technique.

4 Mr. Maxwell. If you can recall your perception in mid-  
5 March of 1956, what was your perception of how effective these  
6 were as interrogations as aids [REDACTED]

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8 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't have a clear recollection of that.

9 But from what I read in that file I think we are rather pleased  
10 that it was an effective, helpful thing.

11 Mr. Maxwell. The report notes the same set of symptoms  
12 that I described in an earlier telegram of an individual  
13 concerned about "scientific death", and having to be carried  
14 to the interrogation room and the like.

15 Do you recall other incidents similar to this in  
16 other P-1 interrogations?

17 Dr. Gottlieb. No.

18 Mr. Maxwell. In paragraph 19 of the report it indicates  
19 that it would be beneficial if [REDACTED] could analyze interro-  
20 gations conducted in the field which involve the use of [REDACTED]  
21 aids. This would be in order that [REDACTED] would gain the  
22 benefit of more expert analysis.

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24 Does the use of the material [REDACTED] in this way and simi-  
25 lar ways trigger --

26 Dr. Gottlieb. It would seem now to mean that it is the

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2 Mr. Maxwell. So it would be limited to that?

3 Dr. Gottlieb. It sounds that way. As you read these  
4 things, it seemed to me the [REDACTED] seemed to be that rather  
5 than what I mentioned before.

6 Mr. Maxwell. Does this help at all in reconstructing  
7 how you thought HILLTOP would fill into the operation?

8 Dr. Gottlieb. It only adds to the confusion that I have  
9 on it, would be my honest answer.

10 Mr. Maxwell. There is one paragraph that is remarkably  
11 clear to me. And I would like your thoughts about it. It  
12 indicates that the [REDACTED] believe that [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]

15 Dr. Gottlieb. I am sorry, I really can't help you.  
16 Those are two cryptonyms that I don't recognize now. And I  
17 could have some speculative thoughts, but so could you.

18 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

19 (Discussion off the record.)

20 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

21 It has been noted that the report indicates that

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1 According to your recollection, would it be likely that  
2 QKHILLTOP would have analyzed such operations?

3 Dr. Gottlieb. Since I am confused about what QKHILLTOP  
4 is, I have trouble answering that. If we can define that as  
5 an generic reference to the fact that they would hope or  
6 recommend that a cognizant unit at headquarters involved in the  
7 kind of activity analyze it, I think it would be likely, sure.

8 Mr. Maxwell. This report of 19 April 1956 about this  
9 same project describes the symptoms of one of the individuals:

10 "The answers weren't clear. He would shout unintelli-  
11 gibly, whimper or shake his head or refuse to say a word, grasp  
12 his heart and moan."

13 If those symptoms were manifested and you believed them  
14 to have been real, what would your response have been?

15 The difficulty, I understand, in going over these is  
16 trying to recall what --

17 Mr. Lenzner. As I understand, you are asking him if he  
18 observed a person responding that way under this drug --

19 Dr. Gottlieb. And if I thought they were real. I  
20 took that to mean that they were not related to the drug, but  
21 the man was having heart trouble?

22 Mr. Lenzner. As I understand the question, how would  
23 you respond if you observed somebody under the influence of  
24 the drug acting in the way described in this cable?

25 Mr. Gottlieb. It is hard for me to answer sort of

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1 crisply. If I was watching that and thought the man was  
 2 really in medical trouble, I would see that medical help  
 3 was provided. But if I thought in some way this was a reac-  
 4 tion that didn't involve his real health, but he was imagining  
 5 things in this LSD experience he was having, I would wait a  
 6 while. I would lean in the direction of having him examined.

7 Mr. Maxwell. The report goes on with regard to the

8 interrogation of a second subject who:

9 "Showed considerable evidence that he was opposed to  
 10 the transfer and considered it illegal."

11 Would it be a correct understanding of the situation in  
 12 which you involved yourself that [REDACTED] would make the  
 13 determination as to whether to go forward with an interrogation  
 14 if there were protests such as this by the subjects?

15 Would that be outside of your province?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. That would be my understanding.

17 Mr. Maxwell. If you have any information or can  
 18 make a comment about this, it might be helpful. Is there  
 19 to your knowledge any requirement that [REDACTED] determine

20 the legality of [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] law of detention or of action taken against an  
 22 individual if [REDACTED] is asked for assistance [REDACTED]

23 Dr. Gottlieb. I can't answer that, I just don't know.

24 It certainly was not -- it was an area that we assumed was

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1 apparently in the station's prerogative.

2 Mr. Maxwell. You can't recall raising the question?

3 Dr. Gottlieb. I can't recall any information that I  
4 have that would help answer that question.

5 Mr. Lenzner. Was the question, would the CIA check?

6 Mr. Maxwell. Whether he has any information as to whether  
7 it was CIA policy to determine independently.

8 Mr. Lenzner. The legality of the detention of the  
9 target?

10 Mr. Maxwell.   
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12 Dr. Gottlieb. And my answer was that I don't know.

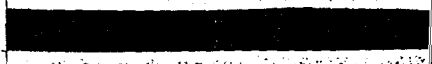

13 Mr. Maxwell. Putting aside the question of policy,  
14 do you have any information as to the efforts that were made  
15 in that area by either people tdy to an area, or by station  
16 personnel?  
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18 Dr. Gottlieb. I have no information.

19 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

A report dated 26 April 1956 to   
 repeated the description of the individual who  
thought he was being subjected to scientific death, and indicated  
that he kept asking for a doctor, and finally was provided with

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1 a doctor. And the report notes that as the situations became  
2 available it is being whispered to the prisoners that the  
3 subject is a paranoid or is mentally unbalanced.

4 The report goes on:

5 —"The reactions on this are mixed, but there is not doubt  
6 that the subject was going to be observed by his fellow prison-  
7 ers, and it is hoped that this campaign to impute mental  
8 instability will bear fruit in the long run by causing  
9 dissention among the prisoners."

10 Is that added information --do you recall any other  
11 instances of such a technique being used?

12 Dr. Gottlieb. No.

13 Mr. Maxwell. This operation in itself was not enormously  
14 long. And yet the flow of reports goes for quite some time.  
15 Preparations apparently began in December 1955, and reports  
16 continued up through June of 1956. Was it usual to have  
17 operations of this duration in P-1 interrogations, or were they  
18 normally shorter?

19 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't think in my mind there was that  
20 number of different ones to make a generalization like that.  
21 That would depend on the thoroughness of the station, the  
22 specific conditions that they were trying to cope with.

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1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] I don't think I can  
3 give a general answer to that question.

4 Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall any technical gains that you  
5 or TSD derived from this particular interrogation?

6 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't recall any specific gains.  
7 But we had to learn something from it that we felt was useful

8 in later ones. There was a lot of activity at a time when  
9 we hadn't had much field experience.

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10 Mr. Maxwell. It indicates -- the report of 9 July indi-  
11 cates that there were comments by [REDACTED] and yourself  
12 to the effect that they considered technical aspects of [REDACTED]  
13 more than measured up to their original expectations.

14 Could you recall at all what your expectations  
15 might have been?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. I think our expectations were probably  
17 modest, and the success of these interrogations exceeded them.

18 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

19 (Discussion off the record.)

20 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

21 In general how do you think your expectations change over  
22 time in regard to the usefulness of P-1 or other drugs in  
23 interrogations?

24 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, if you will let me cover a much  
25 longer period of time than this one involves, there was a

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1 continuum, if I can call it that, at one end of which was,  
 2 if not an expectation, the possibility of this material being  
 3 something you administered to somebody who later, when he is  
 4 asked questions, simply gives answers where he wouldn't before.  
 5 That is one end of the spectrum.

6 The other end of the spectrum was that the material had  
 7 no specific effect on interrogation, but what it did was  
 8 to create a caricature of a person's normal personality so that  
 9 a skilled interrogator or psychologist can exploit the weak-  
 10 nesses that are now caricature.

11 Mr. Maxwell. The report of 9 July indicates that  
 12 one of the reasons they were pleased with the operation at the  
 13 [REDACTED] is that there were no flaps whatsoever. And by that  
 14 I take it there were no breaks in security [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] e.

16 Do you recall any instances in your experience with  
 17 drug interrogations or knowledge about them conducted  
 18 by others of substantial problems in security [REDACTED]

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21 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't think I can recall any. I was  
 22 trying to rake over in my mind the ones I have read here,  
 23 the 1953 ones. I can't recall any. You are talking about an  
 24 incident that hazarded the security of the operation? I  
 25 don't think so.

Mr. Maxwell. The last report in this series that I would

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1 like to go over with you is undated. And it is described as  
2 a narrative of interrogation of simply "Subject". And on  
3 page 3 it indicates that:

4 "Subject's food was delivered to him after the inter-  
5 view with 300 micrograms of P-1 in his stew and 200 micrograms  
6 in his soup. He drank all of his soup and barely touched the  
7 stew. When the interrogation was resumed it was apparent that  
8 the most marked reaction he had had was setting in."

9 I was wondering how you would compare the use -- the  
10 potential use of 500 micrograms of LSD with what you had been  
11 describing as the self-administered dose that you  
12 and your colleagues were using between 60 and 100 micrograms.

13 Dr. Gottlieb. I think, number one, the period that I was  
14 talking about with my colleagues was in 1952-53. And this  
15 was in 1956. I don't remember the specific answer to that.  
16 But I would imagine that we had information from the people  
17 we were working with on contract about what those effects  
18 were. And we felt that that was a reasonable level to go up  
19 to to acquire more information.

20 The next file is labeled "HILLTOP Interrogation",  
21 file 1, 1956.

22 Mr. Maxwell. I think I may be able to save us some time  
23 in regard to that if I can provide some setting for it.

24 The file includes a report on the minutes of the GRILLIET  
25 working committee meeting dated 7 May 1956, and has as a cover

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1 a routing slip and an office memorandum. The office memor-  
2 andum is from [redacted] to [redacted] dated 11 May 1956.  
3 And it says:

4 "Can you get more info on this before we take it up  
5 with Helms? If not, then we may have to work with just this."

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6 And it is signed with [redacted] initials, [redacted]  
7 Apparently there is written in hand to Morse, Allen a note asking  
8 whether he had heard any more about this. And there is a note

9 indicating that it was [redacted]

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10 And on the next page--

11 Dr. Gottlieb. I have lost you on the [redacted]  
12 reference. Where does his name come in?

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13 Mr. Maxwell. [redacted] name comes on the office  
14 memorandum. And apparently the sequence is that the HILLTOP  
15 interrogation was reported to the Office of Security, was  
16 made available to the Office of Security. And [redacted]  
17 was raising the issue of whether the HILLTOP interrogations as  
18 they were referred to should not have come through the Arti-  
19 choke procedures.

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20 And the transmittal slip, which is dated May 14, in-  
21 dicates that -- correction -- the office memorandum is  
22 apparently 17 May, the transmittal slip is 14 May, and appar-  
23 ently called the HILLTOP minutes to the attention of Mr.  
24 Bannerman, who called them to the attention of [redacted]  
25 The transmittal slip attached to the minutes says:

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1 "Note area outlined in red."  
 2 That can be found on pages 6 and 7 of the minutes. It  
 3 goes on:  
 4 "Isn't this an activity which under Artichoke requires  
 5 jointSO, Security Office, medical-DDP approval?"  
 6 And apparently it went to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
 7 [REDACTED] raised it with [REDACTED], asking for more information  
 8 on, I take it, the area outlined in red, which refers to some  
 9 interrogations, and suggests that it will be taken up with  
 10 Mr. Helms, apparently, as to whether this was apparently outside  
 11 of the Artichoke mechanism.

12 Dr. Gottlieb. Are you asking me to read what is  
 13 outlined here?

14 Okay.

15 Mr. Maxwell. Apparently from the memorandum at least one  
 16 of the interrogations that is being referred to is the one  
 17 that [REDACTED]

18 Can you recall any other interrogations that were done  
 19 under HILLTOP auspices prior to this.

20 Dr. Gottlieb. No. I am assuming it means something  
 21 else. It means that there was more than one interrogation  
 22 done in this exercise, the two interrogations, although I knew  
 23 there are three. You are assuming that it is two separate  
 24 operations, and I am saying it could just as well have been  
 25 two interrogations and that one operation.

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1           Anyway, I could make the answer more equivocal by say-  
2           ing that I don't remember another P-1 at that time.

3           Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

4           (Discussion off the record.)

5           Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

6           The area outlined in the memorandum relates to operational  
7           assistance. And it reads:

8           "Was reported that two field trials using psychochemicals  
9           as an adjunct to interrogation had been tried, and it  
10          was planned to continue to give this assistance where indicated,  
11          and possible. Dr. Gottlieb reported that these had been  
12          largely successful from the standpoint of being able to take a  
13          measure of where we are and where we are going. ~~Dr. Gunn~~  
14          wanted to know if the administration of drugs had been handled  
15          by recognized medical men. Dr. Gottlieb indicated that this  
16          was impossible under the circumstances. Medical specialists  
17          were consulted, but M.D.'s did not actively participate in  
18          the interrogations. ~~Dr. Gunn~~ stated that we should consider the  
19          danger involved in not using M.D.'s, and that even in certain  
20          foreign areas M.D.'s can be provided to work with these projects,  
21          and we must be prepared to account for unfortunate reactions.  
22          He emphasized strongly that this should be taken into consider-  
23          ation. And Dr. ~~Gottlieb~~ indicated that we did have this concern,  
24          and that it had been taken into account."

25          The use of the term two field trials did suggest to me

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1 that there were two separate field trials rather than two  
2 interrogations within -- it is my understanding that --

3 Dr. Gottlieb. There was another one, I don't remember  
4 which, at that time.

5 Mr. Maxwell. In any of the P-1 interrogations which you  
6 either participated in or knew about, were medical doctors  
7 used?

8 Dr. Gottlieb. Are you talking about operational uses?

9 Mr. Maxwell. Or operational testing.

10 Dr. Gottlieb. Things which happened in an operational  
11 setting, let's say.

12 Not to my recollection.

13 Mr. Maxwell. It indicates that you said that medical  
14 specialists were consulted. Do you recall what you meant  
15 by that?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, I don't certainly specially  
17 recall what I meant then when I said that. But I could have  
18 meant that the people doing the research and from whom we  
19 are getting the basic information and guidance were medical  
20 specialists.

21 Mr. Maxwell. This indicates that apparently the Office  
22 of Security believed that Artichoke and the Artichoke procedure  
23 that had been agreed upon in a series of memos that we dis-  
24 cussed during the first sessions of the deposition governed  
25 the operational use of psychochemicals. I take it this was not

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1 your understanding, and that it continues not to be your under-  
2 standing?

3 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't remember again the specifics of  
4 that meeting at that time. But we certainly did not clear  
5 those P-1 operational activities with this Committee. If you  
6 ask me why we didn't, I suppose we considered them operation-  
7 ally, and that was a prerogative of the operators who were in  
8 control. And it wasn't up to us to surface them this way.

9 Mr. Maxwell. Did you clear it with the Office of  
10 Security?

11 Dr. Gottlieb. You mean in the sense of coordinating,  
12 like an Artichoke setting?

13 Mr. Maxwell. Not necessarily as part of a formal  
14 committee, but this was brought to the attention --

15 Dr. Gottlieb. No, unless there was some special aspect  
16 of it that we felt concerned the security office.

17 Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall that happening?

18 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, certainly in some of the cases the  
19 security, the field security people had to worry about the  
20 safe house and the attributes of it, but I think you are talk-  
21 ing about sort of a technical coordination.

22 Mr. Maxwell. A coordination at headquarters level?

23 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't remember that happening.

24 Mr. Maxwell. Did you coordinate them with the medical  
25 staff?

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Dr. Gottlieb. no.

Mr. Maxwell. Perhaps we can move on to the next operation.

Dr. Gottlieb. The next one is called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And this one leaves me absolutely mystified as to what it was, and whether it came off.

I see my name mentioned here. And I was in [REDACTED] at the time. And unless you have something else here that might help me -- you were going to ask me the same thing?

The name [REDACTED] means nothing to me. I am trying to locate it in time, and trying to remember where I was in [REDACTED] and whether somehow I had been called away from [REDACTED] to consult on a case like this. Just doesn't ring a bell.

Mr. Maxwell. [REDACTED]

Dr. Gottlieb. [REDACTED]

Mr. Maxwell. [REDACTED]

Dr. Gottlieb. I really don't.

Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall any P-1 interrogation that you proposed at around that time?

Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my remembrance.

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Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall any discussions subsequent to the QKHILLTOP meeting at headquarters as to the proper procedure for the authorization or instigation of a P-1 interrogation in line with questions raised by the Office of Security

Dr. Gottlieb. Is this in relation to [REDACTED] Because that is what I have got my mind on now.

Mr. Maxwell. It is to the extent that the transmittal slip attached to the [REDACTED] comes from the Office of Security, and again evidences their concern about P-1 interrogations being performed outside of the Office of Security.

Dr. Gottlieb. This is a security generating memorandum. I don't remember that.

Mr. Maxwell. In response to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] concern, you don't recall any discussions at headquarters about who would be involved in initiating, clearing, approving or controlling interrogations using psychochemicals?

Dr. Gottlieb. Aside from what I remember of the system where the approval chain went up through the DDP as far as that component was concerned, what he did from his level I don't know. But that is my recollection of what the approval mechanism was. It didn't involve the medical staff, and it didn't involve the Office of Security.

Mr. Maxwell. Do you recall any exchange --

Dr. Gottlieb. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

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1 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

2 Do you recall any discussions either when you were in  
3 [REDACTED] at approximately this time or that you later learned  
4 about that took place at headquarters, or any initial changes  
5 between you and headquarters, concerning possible P-1  
6 interrogations while you were in [REDACTED]?

7 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I do not -- based on reading the  
8 material you gave me, I realize for the first time, really --  
9 why I didn't know it before I don't know -- that during this  
10 period of two years while I was gone there was quite a bit of  
11 activity on what I would call the jurisdictional side of  
12 things like P-1, there were some kinds of arguments, and so  
13 on.

14 And remember, I was gone then. And when I came back for  
15 at least a year or a year and a half I didn't have much to do  
16 with TSD. So, that is a period that is a sort of a slight  
17 blank as far as I am concerned. And this file fits into  
18 that blank as far as I am concerned.

19 Mr. Maxwell. I am not sure what that means.

20 Dr. Gottlieb. What I am trying to say is -- maybe I  
21 can make it clearer. There was a period of time of at least  
22 three years, and maybe three and a half, that I had very little  
23 first-hand to do with TSD and so psychochemicals and/or the  
24 security medical staff, DDP attempts to coordinate and so on.  
25 I was just not in touch with them.

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1 May I take my break now?

2 Mr. Maxwell. Yes.

3 (Recess.)

4 Mr. Lenzner. Back on the record.

5 In prior discussions with staff member Michael Madigan  
6 he requested Dr. Gottlieb informally relating to allegations  
7 concerning the CIA, Howard Hunt and the writer Jack Anderson.

8 And I just recently talked to Mike Madigan on the phone. And  
9 to provide a record for the Committee that will record Dr.  
10 Gottlieb's answers to Mr. Madigan informally last week, we  
11 would like to give Dr. Gottlieb an opportunity to state now what  
12 he told Mr. Madigan last week. The specific allegation was  
13 reported in the Washington Post, that an employee of the CIA had  
14 discussed with Howard Hunt possible efforts to either disorient,  
15 harm, or injure Jack Anderson in some way.

16 Now, Dr. Gottlieb, can you describe what your answer  
17 was when you responded to Mr. Madigan's inquiry last week?

18 Dr. Gottlieb. I told Mr. Madigan that I knew nothing  
19 about that incident, that in fact I had never met Mr. Hunt,  
20 nor ever had a conversation with him about this or any other  
21 matter.

22 Mr. Lenzner. And did you also tell him that you did not  
23 hear of nor had you discussed Mr. Anderson or Mr. Hunt or  
24 this general story that I just related and that was related  
25 in the Washington Post?

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. I said I knew absolutely nothing about it.  
2 Off the record.

3 (Discussion off the record.)

4 Mr. Maxwell. On the record.

5 Specifically, Dr. Gottlieb, were you ever asked about  
6 the possibility of providing a chemical which might be placed  
7 on the steering wheel of a car which would affect the driver,  
8 causing him to become disoriented or harming him in any way?

9 Dr. Gottlieb. I was never asked that question by any-  
10 body.

11 Mr. Maxwell. Were you ever aware of any discussions within  
12 the CIA before proposals such as this?

13 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I was not.

14 Mr. Maxwell. Were you ever aware of any proposal  
15 within the CIA to add chemicals to Jack Anderson's food or  
16 drinks which would be used to harm him or disorient him?

17 Dr. Gottlieb. What was your question? Do I ever remember  
18 hearing anything?

19 Mr. Maxwell. Any discussions?

20 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I never remember either being  
21 involved in or hearing about any such discussions.

22 (Discussion off the record.)

23 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

24 Dr. Gottlieb, did you have an opportunity to read the  
25 Washington Post article in which the allegations were set forth?

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Dr. Gottlieb. Yes, I did.

Mr. Maxwell. To the best of your knowledge, was there any truth whatsoever in the allegations that were set forth in the Washington Post article about the purported attempt to assassinate or harm Jack Anderson?

Dr. Gottlieb. I can only say that I never heard of it or had any awareness of it.

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Off the record.

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(Discussion off the record.)

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Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

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We have inserted this part of the record in order to clarify to the best of Dr. Gottlieb's ability the situation in regard to the allegations raised in the Washington Post article. And we will now return to the principal subject of the deposition, which also involves the use of drugs.

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Perhaps we can just finish off the last questions in regard to [REDACTED] which were simply whether you were informed at any time about the possibility that your actions in [REDACTED] in December of 1957, precipitated any discussions at CIA headquarters in regard to the operational control of the use of P-1.

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Dr. Gottlieb. Was your question, was I aware of whether my presence precipitated these discussions at headquarters?

Mr. Maxwell. Whether your activities in [REDACTED] precipitated any.

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. I was not aware of that.

2 Mr. Maxwell. I would like to call to your attention

3 that the memorandum that we have been referring to, which

4 is to the Chief of the SRS from Morse Allen, lists as a

5 subject an Artichoke request, and refers to the proposal to use

6 P-1. Once again I would like to check your reaction to your

7 understanding of the relationship between Artichoke and P-1,

8 particularly as it progressed over time.

9 Dr. Gottlieb. All I can say is that I can easily see a

10 case where someone like Morse Allen, who relatively would like

11 to have enlarged the scope of the Artichoke type of coordination,

12 could have been contacted by somebody in the Agency who didn't

13 know that TSD handled the P-1 side, and under that circumstance

14 could write a memorandum like this.

15 That is not inconsistent with an understanding of the

16 situation as it was at that time that I have.

17 I have to remember that we are reading a memorandum

18 written by Morse Allen to one of his superiors.

19 Mr. Maxwell. It lists the [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 Is this the office of Security case officer rather than

22 a case officer that would be working [REDACTED]

23 Dr. Gottlieb. I really don't know. My inference would

24 be that this was [REDACTED]

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1 And neither refers to a secure office person nor a  
2 person working overseas.

3 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

4 (Discussion off the record.)

5 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 Dr. Gottlieb. Oh, yes.

10 Let me comment here off the record.

11 (Discussion off the record.)

12 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

13 Dr. Gottlieb. I was going to comment that from the  
14 remarks you have made just now and from other remarks you  
15 have made, I think that you have a notion that is out of  
16 proportion with what I remember the situation to be at that  
17 time of the extent of knowledgeability of P-1, its existence  
18 where it belonged jurisdictionally, and anything else about  
19 it. And my remembrance of it is that that was a fairly tight  
20 held matter at that time. And the information about it was  
21 not widely disseminated at all.

22 Mr. Maxwell. Off the record.

23 (Discussion off the record.)

24 Mr. Maxwell. Back on the record.

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4 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I have no such recollection, although  
5 I can comment, it may well be that all of that is true, that  
6 [REDACTED] was thinking about a P-1 interrogation and about me,  
7 that all could be true without my knowing it.

8 Mr. Maxwell. Were you involved in any P-1 interrogations  
9 while you served as a case officer in [REDACTED]

10 Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my remembrance.

11 Mr. Maxwell. The memorandum indicates that there was a  
12 belief on the part of ~~Morse~~ <sup>Allen</sup> of the Office of Security  
13 that this should have been handled through the Artichoke pro-  
14 cedure. This would not, however, be your understanding of  
15 the authorization of P-1?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. No. But as I said before, I could  
17 easily imagine ~~Morse~~ <sup>Allen</sup> writing such a memo to his boss  
18 inferring that this was an Artichoke technique.

19 Mr. Maxwell. ~~Dr. Gottlieb~~ also apparently was concerned that  
20 this was an Artichoke procedure, and indicated to the case offi-  
21 cer that Artichoke procedure should be followed.

22 Why would this have taken place?

23 Dr. Gottlieb. I think I understand your question.  
24 But I don't know the answer.

25 Mr. Maxwell. Had there been opposition on the part of

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1 Dr. Gunn previously? I think the record shows in the  
2 QKHILLTOP proceedings that there had been concern on the  
3 part of the medical staff that medical officers should be  
4 present or take part?

5 Dr. Gottlieb. That could have been his reason.

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7 You are asking me to clarify the reasons that Dr. Gunn  
8 raised this point about Artichoke [redacted] case, and I  
9 don't know the reason.

10 Mr. Maxwell. Other than the comment which was  
11 reported in the QKHILLTOP meetings, can you remember Dr.  
12 Gunn expressing his concerns at any other time to you about the  
13 proper procedures to be followed in A-2 or P-1 interrogations?

14 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I don't.

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16 Mr. Maxwell. Perhaps we can go on to the next one.

17 Dr. Gottlieb. The next one is something called [redacted]

18 Let me read it over a little more.

19 This memo brings no recollection of an operation that I  
20 was either involved in myself or was aware of.

21 What is the specific date of the memo?

22 Mr. Maxwell. The date is 13 November 1957.

23 Dr. Gottlieb. Again, I would be [redacted] at that time.

24 Mr. Maxwell. The memo indicates that the use of

25 "special interrogation" techniques will be required in the  
26 near future at [redacted]  
27 [redacted]  
28 [redacted]

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Dr. Gottlieb. Where is that in the memo?

[REDACTED]

Mr. Maxwell. [REDACTED]

Dr. Gottlieb. I see. I was in [REDACTED] And that is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is highly improbable.

Mr. Maxwell. There is no evidence whatsoever that you participated in this. What the question refers to is

incident to your general procedures or other recollections that you might have about P-1 interrogations. And the question is relatively simple. Can you recall any P-1 interrogations done against defectors within the U.S.?

Dr. Gottlieb. I do not, I have no recollection.

Mr. Maxwell. To the best of your knowledge, were there any?

Dr. Gottlieb. To the best of my knowledge, there were none.

Mr. Maxwell. To the best of your knowledge --

Dr. Gottlieb. Let me comment on the record. It is quite possible that a P-1 interrogation of this kind took place while I was [REDACTED], and I could never have heard about it.

Mr. Maxwell. What would the term "special interrogation technique" refer to?

Dr. Gottlieb. It would refer either to the "Artichoke" technique or to the P-1/A-2 kind of activity.

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1               Number two, that mechanism is more characteristic of  
 2 what I now have read, based on what you have showed me, and  
 3 other things, of the approval mechanism that was being developed  
 4 at that time through the Deputy Chief of the Counter Intelli-  
 5 -gence staff.

6               So, I am trying to say it had to do with a new mechanism  
 7 that had been set up. Because you remember previously, the  
 8 CI staff had simply not been involved in these approvals.

9               Mr. Maxwell. In the determination by TSS, would the  
 10 same set of criteria, essentially whether this technique was  
 11 better and more desirable than the alternatives and the  
 12 wighting of the consequences and repercussions in the event of  
 13 a violent adverse reaction, be weighed?

14              Dr. Gottlieb. I am having to be very speculative. We  
 15 are talking about a period when I wasn't there, and had nothing  
 16 to do in this area.

17              Mr. Maxwell. I am only asking about whether the same  
 18 set of criteria might well be applied in P-1 interrogations  
 19 as might be applied in Artichoke interrogations?

20              Dr. Gottlieb. You mean about the possibility of a violent  
 21 reaction, and the possibility of whether it is better than the  
 22 other? Yes, I think so.

23              Mr. Maxwell. And what sort of information about medical  
 24 history would be desired on the part of TSS for decisions as  
 25 to the possibility of a violent adverse reaction?

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Mr. Baron. Dr. Gottlieb, before we begin my questioning on the subject of Executive Action I would like to give you a chance to look over a set of notes that [REDACTED] took on a conversation that he says he had with you concerning the subject of Executive Action.

And we will introduce these notes as Exhibit 1 for today's session.

(The document referred to was marked Gottlieb Exhibit No. 1 for identification.)

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Mr. Baron. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Baron. Back on the record.

Dr. Gottlieb, so that I can be fair to the Minority Counsel who is not present for this examination, I would like to ask you to confirm for the record the fact that we have not discussed up until this point the question of the date of the conversation referred to in these notes by [REDACTED].

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Dr. Gottlieb. I confirm that.

Mr. Baron. Now, let me represent to you that the notes that you have in front of you have been examined by [REDACTED] and he has testified that he took these notes during or as a result of a conversation that he held with you on the general subject of "Executive Action". [REDACTED] said that "Sid G" up in the left-hand corner of these notes, referred to yourself.

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Do you have any independent recollection of the date or the substance of this conversation that the notes refer to?

Dr. Gottlieb. My independent recollection you mean, if I never saw these notes, would you recollect either the substance or the date of that conversation?

Mr. Baron. Right.

Dr. Gottlieb. My answer is no, I would not.

Mr. Baron. Having seen these notes, what is your recollection as to the date of your conversations with [REDACTED]

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Dr. Gottlieb. Let me start out by saying that as I testified before the Senate Committee last Thursday, the word "executive Action" is a very confusing one to me. Because I became aware of it almost the first day that I entered the Agency, in the middle of 1951. And as I remember it, it was a word that was used in several senses. In the first place, it was a word that connoted what is now being referred to as covert action in general, but to include quite a wide spectrum of non-direct collection of intelligence related activities.

On the basis of discussions about this we have had before, I realize that this connotation is in connection with assassination. So that when you say, what is my best recollection of a date here, the factor I just mentioned confuses it very much.

And further, I briefed in this general area several senior officials over a period of years. And it is very hard for me to place the specific date of any of those really, and specifically this one with [redacted].

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Mr. Baron. Before we examine these notes in detail let's turn to the general stream of conversations that you had with senior officials of the Agency about Executive Action. You mentioned on more than one occasion in your previous testimony that you had a general conversation with Richard Bissell with assassination capabilities.

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And you placed that conversation in the spring or early summer of 1960, is that right?

Dr. Gottlieb. That is right. But I want to remind you that that was on the basis of getting some help from the cables and so on, that you were showing me at the time.

Mr. Lenzner. And the record should indicate that I think that process was -- that Dr. Gottlieb had the cables and then backtracked from the cablegrams on [redacted] into the meeting with Bussell. I think that is a fair statement, isn't it, Dr. Gottlieb?

Dr. Gottlieb. Yes.

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Mr. Baron. In other words, you looked at the cable traffic and saw that you had gone to [redacted] in September of [redacted] and realized that your conversation with Bissell had taken place a number of months before you went to [redacted], your general conversation with Bissell on capabilities?

Dr. Gottlieb. That is correct.

Mr. Baron. And that is how you placed that first conversation with Bissell in the spring or early summer of 1960?

Dr. Gottlieb. Yes.

Mr. Baron. Did you have any other conversations with Bissell about assassination capabilities other than the conversation that we discussed concerning preparing lethal materials for use against [redacted] leader?

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1 Mr. Lenzner. Let me make two corrections for the record.  
 2 One, my recollection of Dr. Gottlieb's testimony prior  
 3 to this is that he discussed with Mr. Bissell generally the  
 4 capabilities for elimination or incapacitation generally.  
 5 And then I think you just used the word "lethal" materials.  
 6 And I think that is a little bit of an abbreviation of the  
 7 more accurate, more complete testimony. But we wouldn't  
 8 quibble about that.

9 Dr. Gottlieb. Now, your question was, aside from that  
 10 conversation did I --

11 Mr. Baron. Aside from your fairly specific conversation  
 12 with Bissell about readying materials for use against an  
 13 African leader, did you have -- what conversations did you have  
 14 with Bissell concerning general assassination capabilities or  
 15 the subject of "Executive Action"?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't have a clear recollection of speci-  
 17 fic conversations like that, aside from the ones that we  
 18 talked about in connection with the [REDACTED] incident.

19 Mr. Baron. Do you think that you had any conversation  
 20 with any Agency official before your conversation with  
 21 Bissell about general capabilities that you have placed in the  
 22 spring or early summer of 1960 where the subject of Executive  
 23 Action capabilities came up in the sense of capabilities for  
 24 an assassination mission.

25 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't have a remembrance of that.

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1 Mr. Baron. So far as you can recall, the subject of  
2 Executive Action in the sense of assassination capabilities  
3 or assassination missions did not arise until your conversation  
4 with Bissell?

5 Dr. Gottlieb. I think I testified before that there was  
6 a series of briefings of senior officials in an episodic  
7 sense. But I can't hang dates or people on this subject,  
8 which was included in a conversation about the TSD capabilities  
9 or TSD research program.

10 I don't remember Bissell using that term Executive  
11 Action in his conversation with him. We were discussing the  
12 substance of what I talked to him about. So my answer to your  
13 question is that I can't hang a date or a name on specific  
14 briefings that discuss an executive action capability or group  
15 prior to my discussion with Bissell, if you will accept the  
16 comment, since the inference is that that term was used, and  
17 I don't remember that that term was used.

18 Mr. Baron. Aside from the use of the term, did you  
19 ever discuss assassination capabilities with anyone at the  
20 Agency before this conversation with Bissell that you have  
21 already testified about.

22 Dr. Gottlieb. I would have to say that I did. But I  
23 can't hang, as I say, a date or a name, because I briefed  
24 several senior Agency officials in that general area.

25 Mr. Baron. Would that have included the DCI?

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't remember briefing the DCI.

2 Mr. Baron. Do you remember briefing any specific person  
3 on this subject?

4 Dr. Gottlieb. That is what I just said, I can't hang a  
5 specific name or date.

6 Mr. Baron. So you are certain that you did brief several  
7 senior agency officials on assassination capabilities within  
8 CIA laboratories?

9 Dr. Gottlieb. Not solely on assassination capa-  
10 bilities, in connection with a briefing on TSD or a briefing on  
11 covert action capabilities.

12 Mr. Lenzner. They weren't all within the CIA laboratories.  
13 He testified with regard to [REDACTED] stuff that that was  
14 material.--

15 Mr. Baron. From Fort Detrick.

16 Mr. Lanzner. Yes. You don't mean the CIA laboratories.

17 Mr. Baron. Did you ever discuss prior to your conver-  
18 sation with Richard Bissell the subject of a project designed  
19 to develop the capability to carry out assassinations if  
20 required with any senior agency officials?

21 Dr. Gottlieb. You are tying that down to a period before  
22 I talked to Bissell, the one we talked about. And the  
23 answer is, not to my recollection.

24 Mr. Baron. When you had your general discussion of  
25 assassination and incapacitation capabilities with Bissell in

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1 the spring or early summer of 1960, did you discuss with Bissell  
2 the plan for a project at the CIA that would be specifically de-  
3 signed to develop assassination capabilities?

4 Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my remembrance.

5 Mr. Baron. Did Bissell give you any hint that he was con-  
6 templating assigning an officer in the CIA to set up a project  
7 to develop the capability to carry out assassinations, if  
8 necessary, or to spot assets who might be used in assassination  
9 attempts?

10 Dr. Gottlieb. You are tying that into a time period now.

11 Mr. Baron. In this first conversation with Bissell?

12 Dr. Gottlieb. No, not to my recollection.

13 Mr. Baron. Now, did Bissell make you aware of his  
14 intention to assign the development of an assassination  
15 capability project to a CIA officer at some subsequent point to  
16 that initial conversation with him?

17 Dr. Gottlieb. I really have only a hazy recollection  
18 of that. I just don't have a clear recollection. I have a re-  
19 collection that that might have happened. But it is just not a  
20 clear one. I can't say yes, I remember his doing it.

21 Mr. Baron. Do you have any recollection of Richard Bissell  
22 making you aware that [REDACTED] had been asked to set up  
23 an "Executive Action project" for the purpose of developing  
24 the capability to carry out assassinations?

25 Dr. Gottlieb. Could you ask that again, please? You

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asked me whether Bissell made me aware that he had asked [redacted] to develop such a capability?

Mr. Baron. Yes.

Dr. Gottlieb. My answer to that is no. In fact, my first recollection that [redacted] was involved in anything like this that was that I had a clear recollection came after I read these notes, or after you told me about them -- you meaning after my counsel told me about it.

Mr. Baron. Do you have any independent recollection of any conversation with anyone other than Bissell of the CIA about developing assassination capabilities after your first conversation with Bissell on this subject?

Dr. Gottlieb. Aside from this conversation with [redacted]

Mr. Baron. Yes.

Dr. Gottlieb. The answer is, no, I do not.

Mr. Baron. So as far as you can remember now the only two people that you discussed the subject of assassination capabilities with in the abstract, as opposed to in the general context of TSD's full range of capabilities, were Richard Bissell and William Harvey?

Mr. Lenzner. I assume you are talking about in this general period?

Mr. Lenzner. I am confused by that question. And I am not sure the witness can answer that fairly.

Could you rephrase that? It seems to me you are asking

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his recollection on this question on an abstract basis versus a general basis.

Dr. Gottlieb. Abstract was also a bit confused. The other was more abstract.

Mr. Lenzner. Can I just confer with him for a second?

(Confers with the witness.)

Would you try and rephrase that?

Dr. Gottlieb. The word "abstract" did confuse me, too.

Mr. Baron. I think I may have misspoken.

Mr. Lenzner. Why don't you rephrase it?

Mr. Baron. Did you discuss the subject of the capabilities of the CIA to carry out assassinations with anyone other than

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[redacted] and Richard Bissell subsequent to your initial conversation with Richard Bissell on the subject?

Dr. Gottlieb. Between then and now, you mean?

Mr. Baron. Yes.

Dr. Gottlieb. I would have to answer yes to that question. If you are putting it that generally -- and I say that because in many briefings or several briefings of senior officials that came after that, that would have to have been talked about. We are talking about a long period of time.

Mr. Baron. Do you have a specific recollection as to particular individuals that you briefed on that subject?

Dr. Gottlieb. Can I ask you a question, whether you are now making it the general subject of a briefing in which

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1 assassinations were mentioned, or whether, as you  
2 seem to be asking me whether it was on the subject of an  
3 assassination group?

4 Mr. Baron. I want the answers to both questions.

5 Dr. Gottlieb. To both questions. And I think my answer  
6 to both questions would have to be no, if you are asking me to  
7 hang them on a date and a person.

8 Mr. Baron. Forgetting a date for the moment, are there  
9 specific people with whom you have discussed assassination capa-  
10 bilities in the context of any briefing?

11 Dr. Gottlieb. About the only ones that I have a specific  
12 remembrance of -- for instance, when people would become DDP,  
13 like FitzGerald and like Karamessines, and before him Helms,  
14 I have a recollection of talking with them at the time that it  
15 became my turn to brief them on TSD.

16 Mr. Baron. Were there any other people at the Agency  
17 with whom you discussed assassination capabilities?

18 Dr. Gottlieb. Aside from the ones I have testified  
19 to so far?

20 Mr. Baron. Yes.

21 Dr. Gottlieb. I can't remember specific individuals. And  
22 even those briefings I mentioned with the DDP are only the  
23 kind of recollection of my briefing of my general capabilities,  
24 and that had to be one of them.

25 Mr. Baron. When you briefed Karamessines, Helms or

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1 FitzGerald or any other DDP on general TSD capabilities, in-  
2 cluding assassination capabilities, did the subject of a  
3 particular project designed to develop the capability to carry  
4 out assassinations ever arise.

5 Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my recollection.

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6 Mr. Baron. Did [redacted] activities in this field  
7 ever arise in the course of your discussions with Helms,  
8 Karamessines or FitzGerald?

9 Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my recollection.

10 Mr. Baron. Did the phrase Executive Action come into use  
11 in your discussions with Karamessines, Helms, FitzGerald or  
12 anyone else other than Bissell and Harvey?

13 Dr. Gottlieb. As I say, I am confused about that, because  
14 in my own mind, as I say, Executive Action and the general  
15 range of covert action support capabilities that CSD had are  
16 intermixed, and so I can't honestly say whether we talked about  
17 covert action or executive action, I have no remembrance of  
18 talking about executive action in the narrow sense that you  
19 refer to as an assassination capability.

20 Mr. Baron. Do you have any independent recollection of  
21 discussing the subject of assassination capabilities with  
22 William Harvey?

23 Dr. Gottlieb. Independent of these notes?

24 Mr. Baron. Yes.

25 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I do not.

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Mr. Baron. Having seen these notes, do you now have a refreshed recollection of the fact that you did have such a discussion with [REDACTED]

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Dr. Gottlieb. Yes, I do.

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Mr. Baron. And what can you recall now about the substance of that discussion with [REDACTED]

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Dr. Gottlieb. What I recall now, and especially stimulated

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by some of these words like phonemes, was that apparently [REDACTED] must have been trying in some way to diffuse his specific

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interest in a lot of other things, because I obviously briefed

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him on a lot of things I was doing in connection with my

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job as Bissell's scientific advisor, which are alluded to in

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these notes, such as ELINT R& D, such as phoneme, such as

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automatic translation machines. And he clearly asked me

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what are activities in other areas. I see the narcotic bureau

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here.

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Mr. Baron. What would that have signified?

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Dr. Gottlieb. I probably talked to him, or he asked

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me about, and I talked to him about what our arrangements with

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the Narcotix Bureau were.

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Mr. Maxwell. Is it my understanding that the arrange-

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ments were those that you described in your opening statement,

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or the statement that was shown to me?

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Dr. Gottlieb. Yes, in a general sense. If I am hearing

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from you that he talked to me about other things than that

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1 general area of cooperation with the Narcotics Bureau, my  
2 answer is no, or conversely, yes, that is the kind of arrange-  
3 ment I was briefing him on.

4 Does that confuse things? I thought you were asking me,  
5 did we talk to him -- did we talk about the Narcotic Bureau in  
6 any other context than I wrote in my prepared statement.

7 Mr. Maxwell. And you are saying you did not?

8 Dr. Gottlieb. I did not, to my remembrance.

9 Mr. Baron. Before we go through the notes line by line,  
10 let me ask you if you recall any more about the general sub-  
11 stance or the point of your conversation with [REDACTED]

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12 Dr. Gottlieb. Well, my own remembrance is that he told  
13 me that Bissell had asked him to look into some matters.

14 And I am sure he mentioned assassination. And he then  
15 asked me to tell him what I was doing.

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16 Mr. Baron. And what did [REDACTED] say he had been asked to  
17 do in relation to assassination or assassination capabilities  
18 by Bissell?

19 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't have a specific recollection of that.

20 Mr. Baron. Do you have any recollection at all?

21 Dr. Gottlieb. Yes. I have a general recollection that  
22 he had been asked to look into the possibility of an assassina-  
23 tion capability.

24 Mr. Baron. And was he any more specific than that about the  
25 kind of capability he was looking into?

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Dr. Gottlieb. Not that I can remember.

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I want to remind you that we are talking about 15 years ago.

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Mr. Baron. Did [redacted] indicate how far he was prepared to go or had been assigned to go in the development of an assassination capability and the selection of particular targets against whom to use that capability?

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Dr. Gottlieb. No, he did not -- I mean, I have no remembrance of him saying that.

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Mr. Baron. Were you aware that particular targets had been selected for use of assassination capabilities that were to be developed?

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Dr. Gottlieb. From my conversation with him?

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Mr. Baron. Yes.

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Dr. Gottlieb. Not to my remembrance.

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Mr. Baron. And were you aware from any other source, aside from your testimony about the [redacted] matter, were you aware of the election of any other targets than [redacted]

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Dr. Gottlieb. I testified in the Castro thing that I had some general awareness of Castro being discussed in those terms, but not from this conversation.

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Mr. Baron. And any other targets than Castro and [redacted] that you were aware of?

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Dr. Gottlieb. No.

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Mr. Baron. Now, these notes refer to El Benefactor,

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2 which [redacted] has testified was shorthand for [redacted]

3 And Harvey further said that the note that says examples  
4 of three "wrong" was probably a cryptic reference to the fact  
5 that there were three prime candidates or logical candidates  
6 against whom an assassination capability might be used if it were  
7 developed.

8 And those would be [redacted], Castro and [redacted]

1.3(a)(4)

9 Do you remember any discussion of developing capabilities  
10 for use against [redacted]

11 Dr. Gottlieb. I do not. And I have testified as to what  
12 I know about the other two.

1.3(a)(4)

13 Mr. Baron. What did you say to [redacted] during  
14 this conversation about the assassination capabilities within  
15 your knowledge at the CIA?

16 Dr. Gottlieb. I don't specifically remember that. But  
17 I must have briefed him on the existence of this Camp Detrick  
18 stockpile. And I must have also -- well, that is about all.  
19 But that is not a specific recollection. I don't know what else  
20 I would have talked to him about.

21 Mr. Baron. Before we proceed with any more line by line  
22 reading, let's try to pin down the matter of the date of this  
23 conversation as best we can, because we may have to end  
24 soon here today.

25 Having your recollection refreshed by these notes, do you  
have any idea as to the date of this conversation?

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1 Dr. Gottlieb. I really am very vague in my recollection  
 2 of that. If somebody pushed me to the wall and asked me that,  
 3 well, make a beginning and an ending date, I would say 1960  
 4 to 1963. But that is a range, and please understand that I  
 5 am really saying, I can't remember a date.

6 Mr. Baron. So your recollection is not even firm  
 7 enough to be able to say that this conversation took place  
 8 within a matter of months, not to exceed a year, after your ini-  
 9 tial conversation with Bissell about assassination capabili-  
 10 ties?

11 Mr. Lenzner. That assumes that it took place after his  
 12 meeting with Bissell, which he hasn't testified to.

13 Mr. Baron. Let's backtrack to that question, then.  
 14 Can you --

15 Mr. Lenzner. I don't mean to quibble.

16 Mr. Baron. Can you place this conversation with [REDACTED]  
 17 after your initial conversation with Bissell?

18 Dr. Gottlieb. No, I cannot.

19 Mr. Baron. Can you place this conversation with any  
 20 greater specificity than you have already done?

21 In other words, you have said it falls somewhere between  
 22 1960 and 1963.

23 Mr. Lenzner. If I can interject, the witness testified  
 24 before that had you not shown him these notes he wouldn't have  
 25 remembered having the conversation at all.

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1 Now, I take it you are asking me, once he has looked  
 2 at these notes, is his memory refreshed to the point where not  
 3 only does he remember the conversation, but he also remembers  
 4 the specific year or month that it took place, even though  
 5 before he said that he didn't remember having a conversation,  
 6 and wouldn't have if you hadn't shown him these notes?

7 So, with that preface, go ahead and answer it.

8 Dr. Gottlieb. I was going to say, before I read this,  
 9 **1.3(a)(4)** and before we had conversations about Bissell and [redacted] and  
 10 Castro and so on, had you asked me that question, I would have  
 11 said, it could have been in a ten-year period, from 1955 to 1965.  
 12 The reason I narrow it from 1960 to 1963 is, as a result of be-  
 13 ing involved in these things, and to the extent that I testified  
 14 but to narrow it down further than that, and say, I am not  
 15 sure it took place before the conversation with Bissell or  
 16 have, I don't have a recollection of that.

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17 Mr. Baron. Let me draw your attention to the numbers  
 18 **1.3(a)(4)** in the first line of these notes that say, 5/1. And I will  
 19 recommend to you that [redacted] has said that that indi-

20 cates to him that he took these notes on January 25. Now,  
 21 **1.3(a)(4)** in his initial look at these notes [redacted] was not absolutely  
 22 certain as to what year that took place. And before I go  
 23 on to represent to you [redacted] ultimate testimony about what  
 24 year it took place, I would like to ask you whether the fact  
 25 that the conversation may have occurred late in the month of

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1 January at all refreshes your recollection as to what year  
2 it might have occurred in.

3 Dr. Gottlieb. It doesn't.

4 (Whereupon, at 5:15 p.m. the interview was adjourned to  
5 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 1975.)  
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"The Magic Button"

Narcotics Bureau

"for a living"

RIS 201 cover

caution - Bankruptcy -- No star eyes - Jim A. Contradistinct from U-2  
Not a TSD problem

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Last resort beyond last resort & a confession of weakness.

-- El Benefactor -- assumptions

Examples of 3 "wrong"

Framework of Sid's job.

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"Translating machines" - of E basic sounds project.  
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"The Magic Mirror"  
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"for a living" - RIS 201 Cover  
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Apply brakes

Last report beyond last report &  
a confession of mistakes.

- El Benefactor - assumptions

Example 3 "May"

Transmittal of Sic's job  
Elmer R + D - Memo

Handwritten scribble

"Translating machines" - HLE  
basic sounds project -  
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Comm - Gear

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