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For : Chief, Contact Division  
Scientific Branch, [redacted] and [redacted] A G  
Chief, [redacted] Office

4 March 1952

[redacted] and [redacted], "History of Hypnotism"

1. A book published in [redacted] by [redacted] House, Inc., entitled "History of Hypnotism" by [redacted] Redgrave with [redacted] Singer, on page [redacted] contains the following:

"Today every [redacted] military doctor and [redacted] nurse is trained in hypnotism. The [redacted] have used hypnotism to an amazing extent in healing amnesia cases. Their psychologists use it for traumatic cases. Hypnosis has indeed become the [redacted] paramount weapon in the treatment of war neuroses."

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Will you please advise whether Dr. Yeager has any interest in our finding out what facts, if any, the authors have to support the statements contained in the above quotation? Such an investigation would undoubtedly be time-consuming and we do not wish to embark upon it unless we have some assurance that the results might be of value to CIA.

2. This book on pages [redacted] and [redacted] also contains the following statements which may be of interest to [redacted] as well as OSI? G

"D. C. H. [redacted], a successful author of books on [redacted] and the [redacted] went one step further. He has declared:

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"I can hypnotize a man--without his knowledge or consent--into committing treason against the United States. If I can do it, so could psychologists of other nations in the event of another war."

"Professor [redacted] is absolutely right. I, too, could produce hypnotic secret agents and so could hundreds of others trained in the science of hypnotic suggestion. I would be surprised if many secret services are not now actually employing hypnotic methods for some of their underground activities.

"Soon after World War II had started, [redacted] Estabrooks was called to [redacted] [redacted]. He was asked by intelligence officers about the possibility that [redacted] Italian and [redacted] secret services might be planning to use hypnotism to obtain information.

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[Redacted] then made a most provocative and controversial statement when he told United States Intelligence officers:

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"Two hundred trained ~~foreign~~ operators, trained in the United States, could develop a unique, dangerous army of hypnotically controlled agents."

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