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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security

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FROM: G

Chief, Security Staff,

SUBJECT:

Use of Amytal Sodium

and Polygraph

1. The information contained within this report was primarily obtained from [redacted] is in possession of other information that is contained within this report.

2. On 22 March 1956, [redacted] and [redacted] visited [redacted]. While at the [redacted], the visitors had contact with [redacted], an instructor in mathematics, electricity and weapons. [redacted] reportedly a polygraph examiner at [redacted].

3. [redacted] stated to the visitors that Amytal Sodium, 0.5 gm., (7 1/2 grs.), manufactured by [redacted], had been used successfully three times in his presence. The drug was reportedly administered by [redacted] who at the time of the meeting was believed to be in the United States. During [redacted] absence, the drug has reportedly been administered by [redacted].

According to [redacted], the drug is administered gradually over a two-hour period, at the end of which the person to whom it is administered is without control. [redacted] stated there was never any difficulty in understanding the patient's speech while he was under the effect of the drug. Reportedly on each occasion when the drug was administered, its administration was preceded by polygraph testing. [redacted] also stated that he had heard that the drug had been used in many other cases, criminal and intelligence, with one hundred percent success, when polygraph indicated deception.

4. Reportedly there are two other polygraph examiners besides [redacted] is reportedly the chief examiner and [redacted] are reportedly on the staff of [redacted] reportedly polygraphs about two or three criminal cases a month. There are reportedly five (5) polygraph instruments at [redacted] has been at [redacted] for six (6) years and purports to hold a civilian position equivalent to [redacted] apparently uses polygraph instrument 302 since it does not have the E.D. section. [redacted] believed that the technique used by [redacted] prior to the [redacted]

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actual tests was the same as CIA technique. [redacted] reported that A  
[redacted] stated that he was trained by a Sino-American group in  
1946. [redacted] believed that [redacted] was probably a capable  
examiner.

A (Signed) [redacted]

A (for) [redacted]

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