

Director of Security
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Deputy Director of Security

Project ~~SECRET~~

1. Reference is made to the attached report on proposed development of Project ~~SECRET~~

2. This project is an operational application of ARTICHOKES, and I feel that we should clearly be in the picture from start to finish exercising control features on actual experimentation.

3. As stated in the report, the principal question is whether or not an individual can be controlled into the future by the application of "H" techniques. I further feel that this cannot be done in the United States on a clinical basis, and the only answer is to concentrate on field applications. To this end we could supplement the ARTICHOKES team and possibly carry out these experiments on ~~SECRET~~ where I understand we have some likely prospects who meet all the requirements and are not "friendly."

4. I recommend that we lay on this project with ~~SECRET~~ and obtain a full working agreement and support this activity in every possible way.

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24 February 1954

SUBJECT: Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD 25)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Mission accomplished. All that
remains now is publication. Many thanks
for being permitted to assist in this matter.
[REDACTED] Agency Officer

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SUBJECT: Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD 25)

(Source is [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. In early December 1953 source went to [REDACTED] for the purpose of learning the amount of LSD 25 held in stock by [REDACTED], and the purchase of it if available on a preclusive basis.

2. Several meetings were held with the [REDACTED] officials. Present at these meetings were [REDACTED] (President), [REDACTED] (Vice-President and General Manager), [REDACTED] (Director of Pharmacological Research), and [REDACTED] (Assistant to [REDACTED]). Source was personally acquainted with the first three men, having dealt with them on several occasions in the past.

3. [REDACTED] was then told that the discovery of LSD 25 by the [REDACTED] had come to the attention of a number of departments in the U. S. government and that there were rumors

[REDACTED]

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of the production of a quantity of the material in which the source was interested. Further, there were rumors in the United States to the effect that the [redacted] had produced 10 kilograms of this substance. It was then explained that the mission was one of preclusive buying by the source.

4. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] had never produced this material in quantities even remotely resembling the 10 kilograms which were mentioned. He said that to date over a period of years, a total of about 40 grams of this material had been produced in various batches. The last batch, included in the total of 40 grams produced to date, amounted to 20 grams. Of these 20 grams, 10 grams remained in stock at [redacted] and 10 grams had been sent to the [redacted] branch in the United States. Any transshipment of this material will immediately be made known to the source.

5. [redacted] stated that to the best of his belief, this material is not being produced anywhere else in the world, and he added that he was certain that there were no laboratories behind the Iron Curtain with the knowledge, know-how, or capability of producing it at present.

6. [redacted] offered to produce any quantity of this material required by the source with production to begin three weeks after placement of an order and to continue at the rate of 100 grams per week. [redacted] then stated that this material, when produced in small quantities, might cost in the neighborhood of \$100 to \$200 a gram. In view of this cost, he pointed out that the rumor of a stock of

10 kilograms was ridiculous since it was not likely that they would have kept a production-line going for the length of time required to produce such a large quantity of expensive material until they had fully determined that a commercial market existed or could be developed for it. Their total production to date of 40 grams has proved sufficient material for all clinical investigations, and it would have been ridiculous to have produced a quantity many hundred times greater.

7. [redacted] on two occasions expressed appreciation and admiration for the action of the source in volunteering to remove this material from the market if it had existed in the quantities mentioned. He mentioned on several occasions that he and others of the [redacted] were sorry that they had discovered this material since it had been a source of many headaches and bother. He said they had no intention of ever letting this material fall into Communist hands.

8. [redacted] indicated many covert and sideways approaches had been made to the [redacted] by various American individuals in the past who wished to obtain information on this material.

Source explained that although he could not possibly guarantee that no further approaches would be made, he would advise interested U. S. individuals.

9. [redacted] agreed to keep source informed of all future production by [redacted] of this material and would let him know to whom

[redacted]

shipments were made. He would also pass on any information which came to his attention concerning activities behind the Iron Curtain or elsewhere indicating that it was being manufactured or investigated by anyone else. As a test of this procedure and of [redacted]'s desire to cooperate, he will shortly be asked by source to supply a breakdown of past distribution of this material, including the names of recipients, quantities furnished and dates of shipment.

10. [redacted] said that at present the only shipments of this material going from [redacted] to a destination behind the Iron Curtain are being sent to [redacted]

[redacted] for many years has cooperated with [redacted] in the clinical testing of their products and for a long time has been kept supplied with minute quantities of this material. It has always been sent to him in ampules containing a solution of the material. No shipments of the dry material have been made to him or to anyone else behind the Iron Curtain. [redacted] could not remember off-hand whether other small shipments had been made to individuals behind the Iron Curtain many years ago, but was certain that for the past few years only [redacted] has received shipments. He thought that recent shipments to [redacted] totaled approximately 100 milligrams.

11. Source discussed with [redacted] and other [redacted] officials the desirability of his purchasing their entire stock of approximately 10 grams of this material. It was decided that the source would not purchase this material and that, furthermore, the [redacted] would continue to maintain a small stock which they would continue to distribute to reputable investigators throughout the free world at no charge. Such action on the part of [redacted] would thus discourage a competitor from entering this field and producing this material. Since it is extremely difficult to synthesize and very expensive to produce, it is unlikely that a competitor would start production of the minute quantities needed for research if investigators could obtain their requirements from [redacted] at no charge. In other words, by maintaining a small stock and distributing it at no charge, [redacted] will retain control of the situation and will be aware of anyone interested in the material. All of this information will be passed on to the source. This was entirely agreeable to [redacted] and they understand that any connection between the source and this material is to be kept in the very strictest confidence.

12. The source has been a personal friend of both [redacted] and [redacted] for many years and expressed complete confidence in all statements made by them. Many of the statements were cross-checked by questions posed to other [redacted] officials mentioned above, and in no case was there disagreement as to fact or figure. It has been suggested that [redacted] actually offered 10 grams for purchase or even that they offered 10 milligrams, and that an error was made in reporting and transmitting this offer.

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Confusion between a kilogram (one thousand grams) and a milligram (one-thousandth of a gram) may well have arisen.

13. It might also be significant that ~~the source~~ on this occasion for the first time invited the source to inspect his pharmaceutical plant. Normally a pharmaceutical manufacturer would never allow a knowledgeable person through their plant since even a casual inspection might reveal valuable trade secrets.