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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : MKULTRA PROGRAM

1. A meeting was held in General Carter's office on 29 November 1963 to discuss the subject program. Those present, in addition to General Carter, were Messrs. Helms, Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Gottlieb, and Earman. The main thrust of the discussion was the testing of certain drugs on unwitting U. S. citizens. Dr. Gottlieb gave a brief history of the MKULTRA program which was not in any way at variance with the IG report of August 1963 on this subject.

2. Messrs. Gottlieb and [redacted] argued for the continuation of unwitting testing, using as the principal point that controlled testing cannot be depended upon for accurate results. General Carter, Mr. Kirkpatrick, and I do not disagree with this point. We also accept the necessity for having a "stable of drugs" on the shelf and the requirement for continued research and development of drugs--not only for possible operational use but also to give CIA insight on the state of the art in this field and in particular to alert us to what the opposition is or might be expected to do in the R&D and employment of drugs.

3. [redacted] noted that there was no disagreement with the recommendations of the IG survey on MKULTRA with the exception of the unwitting testing problem. In response to a query from General Carter, he stated that since the IG report such testing has been held in abeyance.

4. General Carter made it clear that he understood the necessity for research and development of all types of drugs, to include their testing. However, he was troubled by the "unwitting aspect". This led to a brief discussion on the possibility of unwitting tests on foreign nationals, but according to [redacted] this had been ruled out as a result of several conversations he recently had with senior chiefs of stations--too dangerous and the lack of controlled facilities. (This seemed an odd conclusion

to me since the same dangers exist in the U. S. and from what we were able to find out during our survey, the facilities we have for uncontrolled testing leave much to be desired--I made a point of this.)

5. After further discussion, it was agreed:

a. That the charter of MKULTRA would be revised along the lines recommended in the IG survey.

b. The procedures for testing drugs are to be reviewed and new alternative proposals submitted.

c. If it is concluded by the DD/P that unwitting testing on American citizens must be continued to operationally prove out these drugs, it may become necessary to place this problem before the Director for a decision.

6. I made the point that the IG survey had found other problems with the MKULTRA program in addition to the unwitting testing, but stated if the charter is rewritten along the lines recommended, I believe these problems would be corrected.

7. NOTE: The IG Survey of MKULTRA was handed to after the meeting for his use in redrafting the charter.

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